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A Pride in family lore is spur enough
To probe in frontier archives' musty files
For glimpses deep in pioneering's rough
Reports. No glories quite erase the piles
Of hurts, nor dim the love of sire and dame
Their progenies sensed too late at times;
The careless slights but add to grief, and name
May lose its power to aid the chimes
Of praise for history's acclaims. The course
They set for younger feet will lead to gains
In more than transient wealth and shows the force
Of good and right; their acts abate the pains
Our errors bring and give our feet prod
Toward augmented trove -- if they lead to God.

-- -- Roy Clark Maddux,
29 July 1968 -- --

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PREFACE

The author of this little work is a self made practical phrenologist. He was moved to gather up this history into a shape for publication by the many questions asked about his worthy relatives and himself in his perambulations throughout the country in the prosecution of his profession.

When I first began to travel I was constantly meeting with persons who would ask me if I were related to such and such a Tope whom they knew, and knowing little or nothing of the relationship, I frequently could not tell, though I supposed we were related in some way. Being thus made ashamed of myself so often for my ignorance, I resolved to get posted.

Finding that there had been at least six generations of Topes in this country, and that no one had ever yet, that I know of, attempted to record their history in a special way, while the older generations, on whom we would have to depend for information about their early history, were rapidly passing away, it seemed high time that someone should write it up. I reasoned in this way: Why should not the Topes have a written history? and why should not a search be made for correct information that will tend to bring them closer together and keep them better acquainted with one another, and hold their bond of friendship more closely intact? This I have done pretty thoroughly, I think, considering the circumstances, and the result is here given.

However, it is offered with considerable reluctance, because of its unavoidable incompleteness, and imperfections. If the writing of this history had been begun at an earlier date, it might have been made much more comprehensive, interesting, and satisfying. But the graves have closed over the first and second generations, and nearly all of the third, and much of their history cannot now be obtained. Besides, the Topes are a mighty numerous family, and, scattered as they are all over the American Continent, some of whom have been slow to respond to inquiries, time and patience were required. To gather history and biography from the four winds of the earth by piecemeal, as it were, under such a condition of affairs, and under depressing financial circumstances as well, has been no small task and necessitated delay. Yet this book was bound to come. It is better late than never!

Our excuse for not waiting longer to collect more data is, that delays are dangerous, and besides being a burden to us, the notes and manuscript we had, if not put into print, were liable to be lost and the history would never be printed; and better what we have than none at all. Moreover, the older ones may have the pleasure of reading it before they die and can make valuable corrections and additional notes.

The historical facts are given as nearly correct in every particular as possible, though there may be incorrect statements. For the benefit of every reader, we have inserted a number of blank pages on which may be noted any correction, additional notes of past history, or bits of interesting information of any kind relating to it, and especially future history as it may come up; all of which from each one, with this, may at some future time be revised into a larger volume. Photographs were not obtainable or available for the present work, but many ought to be had to make the larger book more useful and gratifying.

If everybody would keep a record, they would know where they belong, and not get into such a fix as the writer was in. Besides, a great deal of money has been lost to deserving parties on account of not being able to trace their genealogy. Every family ought to keep a genealogical record, which becomes itself very valuable property. Why not do so?

Acknowledgments are due to a number of friends for kindnesses shown and information given, but as they are mentioned in the proper places in the body of the work, it is not necessary to give their names here.

Furthermore, it has afforded the writer much pleasure to collect and arrange the information contained in this little volume, and much curiosity has been satisfied, as well as many new friendships formed. Many of my relatives I have never seen. This work has, however, as I have good reason to believe, multiplied my acquaintances of them, and it will doubtless extend them still more in the future, with greater intimacy among all. And if, in addition to this, the numerous relatives and friends who peruse these lines shall partake in some degree of the pleasure,----minus the work,----I have found, it will indeed be great reward for the labor performed.

THE AUTHOR

June 20, 1895

Revision of this book by M. Tope was made by A. D. Maddux in search of some accurate information on his wife's family. She, Delores Tope, was a great-grand-daughter of a George W. Tope. G. W. Tope's last known information, that we are able to find, was in Du Quoin, Perry county, Illinois. This was for 1869. The first record we have located was for his marriage in 1861, Chester, Randolph county, Illinois.

The book by M. Tope has been re-typed in its original style, as much as possible. The main revisions being the inserting of genealogical forms and the addition of our Tope generations, with some pictures.

I am most grateful to William C. Tope, an uncle, for his advice and encouragement.

THE REVISOR

June 3, 1979

DEDICATION

TO

THE MEMORY OF

OUR DEPARTED RELATIVES

WHO WAIT TO WELCOME US INTO THE HEAVENLY LAND;

TO

OUR KIND LIVING FRIENDS,

WHO DESIRE TO SEE OUR FAMILY NAME RESPECTED, HONORED AND PRESERVED THROUGH FUTURE YEARS;

AND TO

THE FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHO SHALL COME AFTER US,

AND

WHO, IT IS HOPED, WILL RISE UP AND CALL THEIR PARENTS BLESSED, AND LOVE AND REVERE THEIR MEMORY AND ANCESTRAL NAME;

--THIS LITTLE VOLUME--

IS MOST AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED BY

THE AUTHOR

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INTRODUCTION

Ancestry! Patrimony! Family! Heredity! Posterity! What wonderful words, laden with such wonderful meaning! They unite the whole world into one family. One thinks of looking back to the beginning of time and counting his forefathers, then examining himself, and glancing down through futurity. He thinks of Adam's race, and what a large family he would have, if husband and wife and children and grand-children were all living at the present time. What a lot of turkey gobblers he would have to butcher, if he were to prepare them all a regular modern-styled, fashionable Thanksgiving dinner!

And one naturally thinks, too, of his own race of people, and compares their number and peculiarities with others. It has been commonly reckoned and conceded that the Smith family is second to the entire race of Adam, and the writer has figured on it that the Tope kindred should come in about third. Yet, how insignificant in number when compared, and how fortunate when getting ready for Thanksgiving!

The family is a grand divine institution. It is the center, the foundation, the mainspring of all human institutions,---a God-conferred boon among civilized and savage families. It radiates from the home and its constituent elements converge in the home, as the spokes of a wheel converge in the hub. Oh, that its regulations and practices could always be right, sacred and pure, and its individual members, and all collectively, always noble and happy.

To come of a good family is something to be grateful for, if not to be proud of. Yet, of course, there may be differences of opinion as to what constitutes a good family. Some pride on their ancestors for the intellectual smartness they possessed, or the philanthropy evidenced, or the wealth accumulated. Others regard strict integrity, or persistent labor, or a ripe old age as a mark of nobility. Still others prize their parentage for church affiliations and faithfulness in a religious way. While not a few think they are of a good family because their parents and grandparents were noted for sociability, for making researches, or because some of them held an office of some kind. Perhaps the reader can decipher which of these reasons are found in the following history, decide which are proper, and point out improvements to be made by himself and others.

Who would not love to have his family name and an account of his good deeds carried down the stream of time?--from generation to generation, forever more? Men talk of leaving things for their children to have after they are gone, but what better things can they leave them than a good character, physically and mentally, coupled with a good name; and who will not rejoice to think that his grand-children away down in coming ages have something as a keepsake to remember him by. An appropriate memento is a Life History, such as the writer has here begun, and which he respectfully recommends to be continued through succeeding generations.

Biography of any kind is always interesting reading. But the biographies of one's own friends and relatives is about the most interesting reading to be found. In reviewing the lives of our friends, we should regard their faults with kindness,---perhaps they did the best they knew; we should remember their good deeds with gratitude,---perhaps their knowledge and circumstances did not permit them to do more. When a person has fulfilled his mission here below, has achieved success, or has accomplished something that will interest and benefit his friends and fellow-laborers, it is simply an obligation discharged when his experiences are recounted for others to learn from and to emulate. Let no one, therefore, be so unkind as to attribute vanity to any statement herein made.

Heredity is a powerful thing for good or evil. It almost displaces human responsibility. No wonder the Jews laid so much stress upon it as a social fact, and that the prophets insisted on it. Shame on the individual who is untrue to a worthy ancestry and gets out of his place in the circle. All should rather strive to ennoble the stream of heredity by studying and obeying its laws.

God bless you, readers, one and all! May we all improve as our knowledge and opportunities allow; and when we, as members of an earthly family, shall have ended our career here, may we all join in the great heavenly family in the Eternal City beyond.

CHAPTER I.

TWO BROTHERS IN OHIO.

In a little grave-yard on a hill, known as Lease's grave-yard, about a mile east of Salem (post-office name Annapolis), on the Salem and Richmon public road, in Jefferson county, Ohio, is the grave of John Tope. On the plain tombstone we read that he died October 26, 1844,---aged 77 years, 11 months and 10 days.

There was formerly a Lutheran church standing by this burying ground, that was used for a time as a school-house after being abandoned for church use, but the building has now entirely passed away. Here it was that John Tope and his family attended church many a year.

This gentleman died of pneumonia, it is said, which he contracted by being taken, when so old, to the fall election---elections being held then in October.

Sorry to say, we have not been able to find any grave-stone from which to get any statements about the wife of John Tope. No mention of her can be found in the grave-yard aforesaid, nor is there any sign about her husband's grave that she was buried at that place. The only other grave by the old gentleman's is that of a daughter, marked by a small head-stone,---"Elizabeth, wife of Enoch Hough, died April 25, 1835, aged 27 years, 9 months and 14 days." We are left to conjecture, therefore, that the old lady outlived her husband, and died at the home of some of her children and was buried in another cemetery.

The writer was informed, however, by Mr. Reuben Birchfield, a grand old man of Bloomfield, (post-office Bloomingdale), Ohio, eighty-four years of age past (1893), who was a neighbor of their's for several years, that Mrs. Tope's maiden name was Mary Helmick and that he married her in Pennsylvania. She became noted as a midwife, and for years kept a special horse for riding on occasions requiring her services. When first married, they had as their house-keeping outfit but a horse, saddle and bridle, and a blanket to lie upon in one corner of the house.

They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Boys, Abram, John, Henry, Jacob, George, Joseph, and one that died in infancy; girls, Phebe, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Nancy, Mary, Fanny and Deliah.

In the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, about a mile and a half northeast of Petersburg, (post-office Algonquin), in Union township, Carroll county, Ohio, stands the unembellished marble slab which marked the last resting place of George Tope, who died August 12, 1845. According to the tombstone, he was 82 years, 5 months and 10 days old; but two of his children, Hiram Tope and Barbary McQueen, and other reliable authorities have informed us that this is a mistake, for they had his own statements and reasons for believing that he was most certainly born on March 3, 1761 and hence was in his eighty-fifth year.

As to the cause of his death, excepting his ripe old age, the writer could get no information.

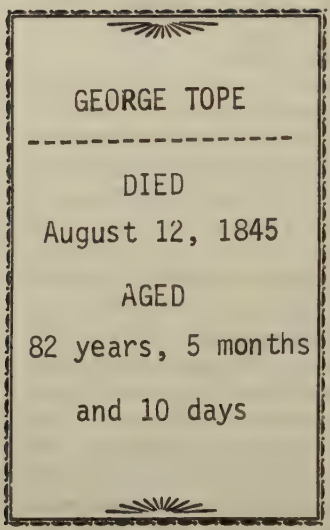
George Tope was married twice. No person nor tomb-stone, that we have ever found, exists to show the grave of his first wife. But Barbary McQueen and others have told me that her maiden name was Catharine Straddler, and, from other incidents, they must have been married in Pennsylvania. Her body was evidently interred somewhere in Jefferson County Ohio.

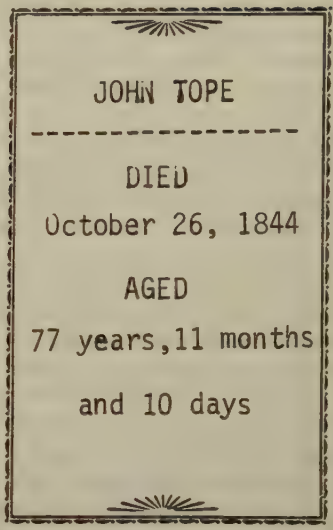
His second wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Bower. She was buried by the side of her husband, having died, according to the tomb-stone, on May 7, 1855,---aged about 70 years. Owning to some cause, which has never been explained to the writer, several years before her death she became weak-minded, and remained so until her death. It was necessary to keep her confined a portion of the time.

One of our notes, given us by someone whom we do not now remember, says that Mrs. Elizabeth Tope was a sister of Barney Bower who built a mill at Bowerston, and who was the grand-father of Barney Bower that lives near New Hagerstown now, and that he was as Dutch (German) as sauer kraut. Other facts confirm this statement, and show that the Topes and the large family of Bowers, many of whom live in Bowerston and vicinity yet, are thus connected by marriage. This town, in which the writer has the pleasure of living, was named after the Bowers. By further investigation we learn that the Barney (proper name Bernhard) Bower referred to emigrated from near old Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1807, and settled near Bowerston on the farm now owned by Samuel Crawford. He built the first flour mill in all this country, and started it in about the year of 1812. This was a great milling place in those days.

We have had some curiosity to know how the acquaintance that led to this marriage was formed. Circumstances indicate that the Topes and Bowers were acquainted in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Figures and facts, to be subsequently stated, show that George Tope and Miss Bower were married while he lived in Jefferson county, at least as early as 1804, when she was about 19 years of age. This was three years before the Bower family came into this part. We must infer, therefore, that Miss Bower came into Ohio with the Topes or some other people at an earlier date, or else Mr. Tope went back to Maryland and wedded her there.

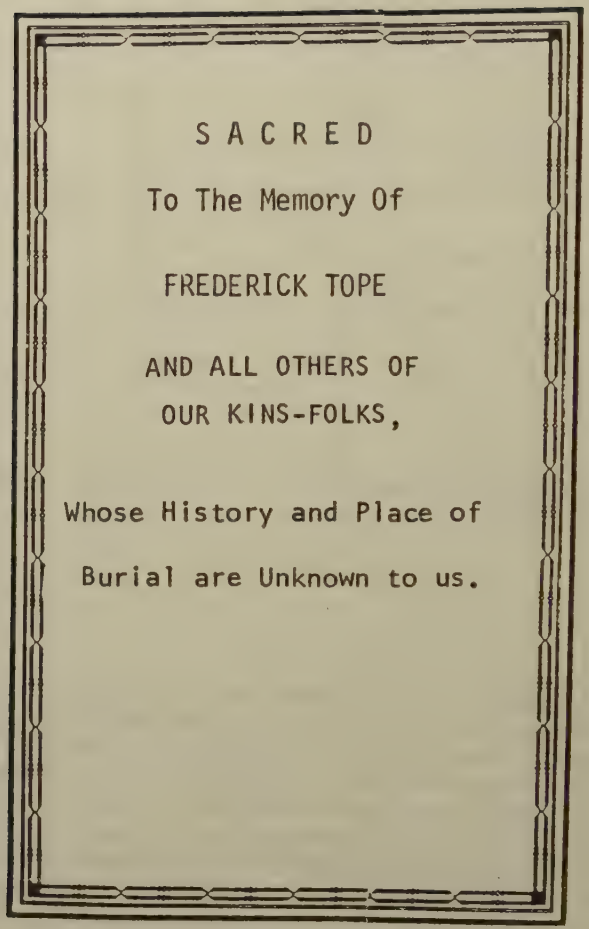
George Tope was the father of twenty-four children,---twelve by each wife. Some of these were twins;---two sets of twins by the first wife and two sets by the second, if we have understood our informants correctly. Those who did not die in early infancy are as follows, in order of births: First wife, Susie, Lizzie, John, George, Lucretia, Sally and Polly (twins), Steven and Jacob (twins); second wife, Barbary (twin), Katie, Lydia and Abram (twins, the latter lived only 9 months), Malinda, William, Levi, Eli, Joseph, Hiram, Maria. Of these, all are known to be dead, except it might be William, Levi and Maria.





These were two brothers. They came upon the "stage of action," played their parts, and passed to their rewards. To them must be accredited their share of history. Their lives form the dividing ridge, the "height of land," as it were, of the account of the Topes in America. Hence, we have selected them to start with. Some of this history runs back of them; but a great deal more follows them, especially since, as the fellow said about the fleas, they were both "married and had large families," as we have just seen. Their children have grown up, scattered all over the country, married and had other children, and this has been repeated until nearly every nook and corner must have some of this set of people. At least, the relationship must extend into the thousands.

NOTE,---As suggested in the Preface, the blank pages of this book should be used by every family into which it finds its way, in making corrections and stating additional facts, as births, deaths, etc. We cannot impress too strongly the propriety of doing so.


S A C R E D
To The Memory Of
FREDERICK TOPE
AND ALL OTHERS OF
OUR KINS-FOLKS,
Whose History and Place of
Burial are Unknown to us.

CHAPTER II.

EARLIEST TOPE HISTORY

But before we carry forward this history, let us go back and see how we came to be here, why we are here, and if we have any right to be here!

According to the very best accounts, the first paternal ancestor of this race of people in this country was John Tope, who emigrated from Germany. It is not positively known, though, whether he came from Germany, or was born here; neither is there anything known as to his wife; or whether he was married when he came to America, provided he was not born here. Figuring on it as closely as I can, I conjecture that he came from Germany somewhere in the 1750's or 1760's, and not earlier than 1492! And it may be of interest to note here that George W. Tope, of White, Gallia county, Ohio, in one of his letters to the writer, states that there was a man at his daughter's a few days before he wrote (Sept. 27, 1892) who said that he knew men by the name of Tope in Germany, and that they were very rich.

It is known, however, that he had three sons: George and John (the two spoken of in the first chapter) and Frederick. It seems, at least that Frederick was the youngest. These may all have been in Germany and emigrated to this country, or they may have been American born, so far as any well established evidence is concerned. It is stated in the "Commemorative Record of Harrison and Carroll Counties" that George Tope was born in Maryland. We have found nothing definite to the contrary, and it is not improbable that his father came to America as a single man or just after marrying, and that these boys were all born in Maryland.

It seems to be a well established fact, though, that he settled in Maryland, near Harper's Ferry; and his sons, George and John, have related to their children how they used to work in and around that place, when boys, as carpenters, coopers, farmers, and sorts of jacks-of-all trades.

It is related also that they lived at or near Pittsburg for a while and there followed butchering during or a part of the time of the Revolutionary War, which was, as everybody knows, in the years of 1775-1781. And some of our friends have told us that they remembered of hearing the old lady relate how she carried big loads of silver money in her apron while her husband was pursuing that occupation. It has been said also that she was a washer-woman for a while.

The Topes lived for a time at Redstone, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. But at what time they moved to that place is not told;---another missing link in the chain of history. It was from here that the two brothers moved when they came to Ohio, in the year 1800.

Different opinions have been given in regard to this date. George W. Tope, of Gallia county, O., thought some time ago that they came to Ohio in about 1790. From accounts given us at one time by John Moreland, of Palermo, Carroll county, O., we figured that it must have been 1789. At another time afterward, however, statements by Mr. Moreland indicated it was 1806, but he was not positive. As good luck has it, 'Squire Brice E. Betts, of Bowerston, who lived for a long time near Salem, tells us that he has heard Joe Tope (one of John's sons) say many a time that his father and uncle George came into Ohio just two years before it was a State. And this last declaration settles the question, so far as the writer is concerned. Ohio was generally understood to have been admitted in the fall of 1802, (though it was not, really, until Feb. 19, 1803), and hence the Topes came into this State in 1800.

It is said that at one time in Pennsylvania they were driven back off of their land and the Indians took their cattle.

When they emigrated to this state they came by way of Steubenville. That town consisted of only a few log houses and cabins at that time, having been laid out as a town but two years before. There was no town then at Salem, nor any road from Steubenville to Salem. The Topes drove through in wagons and were obliged to cut brush and make the road before them as they went. What a contrast to that of the present day!

Having thus lived in the state of Pennsylvania and being of German descent, they have been sometimes called "Pennsylvania Dutch." This is inappropriate, however, as a German is not a Dutchman! The people of Holland are commonly called "Dutch"---those of Germany are only German!

Whether John Tope (the first) died in Maryland or Pennsylvania, I have not been able to ascertain. But it is most probable that it was in Pennsylvania. After his death, his wife married a Mr. Core, from which marriage there were born three children: Jacob Core, John Core and Elizabeth Core.

Of the history of the Cores very little is known. I only wish we had more definite information of many of the points of this chapter. Any and all positive facts in reference to any of the persons herein named will be gladly received by the writer, and, presumably, by others, to be added to this history in the future. Anyone not mentioned will understand that it is not intentionally so, and we would like them to kindly report their whereabouts and biographies.

Seeing several names of Core in the catalogue of Ada College and thinking they might be of this people, in the spring of 1894 I wrote to the president of the college, H.S. Lehr, for the address of Miss Rachel Core. He replied, May 24, that she was in school at that time and that her home address was Roxabell, Ross county, O. I then wrote to her, explaining my object and asking for such information as she could give. She replied, May 30, 1894, that she could not give anything definite, but she would refer the matter to her father, who would answer me; adding that she knew her great-grand-parents were from Maryland or Pennsylvania. Yet, notwithstanding that I wrote subsequently to her and her father, I have received no further account of where they belong.

This much, however, is related of them. The old lady and the two children, Jacob and Elizabeth Core, (perhaps they were married then), came over from Pennsylvania with her other sons, the Tope brothers. But no mention is made of Mr. Core. Consequently, the grand old mother of all must have outlived her second man and died on Yellow Creek, presumably at the home of her son George, only a few miles from Salem, and a short distance from Richmond, in about 1810, at nearly, if not quite a hundred years old.

After they came from Pennsylvania, the Cores and the Topes all worked together, but had different houses. Jacob Core was married and lived in the neighborhood a number of years and finally moved to some other part; and probably those spoken of as being in college are descendants of his.

It is claimed that Elizabeth Core was married three times. Her first husband's name was John Huston, and they only had one or two children. The daughter was named Lucretia, who married a man by the name of William Moreland and had a large family of children who have always claimed great friendship and relationship with the Topes. From two of the Moreland brothers, John and Thomas, the writer has received quite a good deal of information. John Moreland thinks his grand-mother was married to Houston at Redstone, Pa., and that Lucretia, his mother, was ten years old when they came to Ohio, but says he might be mistaken about the exact age. Barbary McQueen has told us that her aunt Liz, as they called her, lived in the town of Salem for several years, and that she remembered well of being at her house often. Someone has told us that John Huston died at Philadelphia Crossings, Harrison county, O., and was buried at Tabor.

Elizabeth Huston (nee Core) was married the second time to a Mr. Benjamin Hough, who had some children by a former wife. Enoch Hough, already mentioned as the son-in-law of John Tope, was the only son. Benjamin Hough died in Morgan county, O.

The third time she married John Deems. No children resulted from this marriage. Both died in Morgan county.

In moving from Redstone, Pa., Frederick Tope became separated from his brothers and never saw them again for forty-seven years, and, presumably, but this once afterward in all their lives. He and John Core traveled down the Ohio river together and Frederick went to Illinois. Henry, a son of John Tope, went to Illinois to see the country, and on making inquiry on the boat as to the best place to land, a boatman asked him if he was going to see his uncle. The man on the boat knew Frederick and directed young Henry how to find him, and in this way the brothers found one another. Frederick at once came with his nephew and paid his brothers a visit. George Tope, of Gallia county, writes that he saw all the brothers together when they were gray-haired. This meeting was at Georges, who must have lived then where he died,---on what is now called the old Freshwater place near Petersburg, in Union township, Carroll county, O.

Of course, Frederick went back home; and here his history, as does also that of John Core, drops out. The place where Frederick lived is thought to be Peru, Illinois. Barbary McQueen and others have thought he was married and had a family, but we could not find out for sure where he lived, nor anything about his posterity or property. Perhaps we shall yet be able to learn more of them and their connections. However, for the present let us here erect another monument in honor and loving remembrance of the unknown dead:

INFORMATION RECEIVED 4 AUGUST 1989

FROM

MRS. LAURA M. WAGNER, CARROLLTON, OHIO

BENJAMIN HOUGH, SR. married ELIZABETH CORE on 29 August 1806; by Stephen Ford, Justice of Peace, in Jefferson County, Ohio. (Marriages of Jefferson County, Ohio, 1797-1813) Mrs. Wagner found Core also spelled 'Kore.'

After Benjamin Hough died, Elizabeth married JOHN DEEMS. He is listed in Union Township, Carroll County, Ohio; 1833 Tax Roll.

Benjamin Hough was a Justice of Peace in Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1804.

JACOB HOUGH married to AGNES CAMPBELL 29 September 1829 by Lot Demming, Justice of Peace, Union Twp., Harrison County, Ohio.

ENOCH HOUGH married to BARBARA MILLER 18 May 1837 by Lot Demming, Justice of Peace, Perry & Union Twp., Carroll County, Ohio.

Other Marriage Records in Jefferson County, Ohio 1797-1813

GEORGE TOPE to ELIZABETH BOWER, 3 July 1804, Stephen Ford, J. P.

GEORGE TOPE to ELIZABETH EVERHART, 25 June 1812, Hugh Pugh, J. P.

THOMAS PATTERSON to SUSANNA TOPE, 14 April 1808, Stephen Ford, J. P.

ABRAHAM TOPE to Elizabeth Boop, 13 April 1811, James Morris, J. P. (Boops lived at Harlem Springs - Lee Township, and owned a Grist Mill which is still there.)

CHARLES BIRCHFIELD to PHOEBE TOPE, 21 January 1812, Stephen Ford, J. P. They lived in Salem Twp., Jefferson County, Ohio.

JACOB TOPE to SALLY EVERHART, 18 February 1812, Stephen Ford, J. P.

In 1814 Harrison County was formed from Jefferson County, Ohio.

PETER ALLSBAUGH marriage license applied for on 8 August 1831 to LUNCIDA TOPE. The license was not returned.

1833 TAX LIST OF CARROLL COUNTY OHIO

GEORGE TOPE	JACOB TOPE	ELIZABETH TOPE
JOHN TOPE	HENRY TOPE	THOMAS PATTERSON
GEORGE PATTERSON	JOHN PATTERSON, SR.	JOHN PATTERSON, JR.

(These were all in Union and Perry Townships)

PETER ALBAUGH is listed in Rock Township (now Lacedoan).

[FROM EVERHART HISTORY]

JACOB TOPE married to SARAH EVERHART (Sally?) in 1812.
Children: 1. SARAH ANN, killed by lightning, Carrollton, Ohio
2. MARY ANN, married to JOHN COLE, cabinetmaker
3. RUTH, married to _____ KING.
4. BARBARA, married to _____ JORMAN.
5. DELILAH, married JAMES REED
6. JOHN, lived in Salem Towmship, Jefferson County, O.
7. JACOB, also lived in Salem Township.

HUSBAND JOHN TOPE			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN			Germany	Tope Book
MARRIED				
DIED	Redstone	Fayette	Pennsylvania	Tope Book
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER WIVES				

WIFE			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN				
DIED ca. 1810	Richmond	Jefferson	Ohio	Tope Book
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS	Core			

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1		3 March 1761	Harper's F.	Washington	Maryland
M	TOPE, George	13 Aug. 1845	Petersburg	Carroll	Ohio
2		16 Nov. 1767	Harper's F.	Washington	Maryland
M	TOPE, John	26 Oct. 1844	Salem	Jefferson	Ohio
3			Harper's F.	Washington	Maryland
M	TOPE, Frederick				Illinois
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The information is gleaned from the first two chapters of M. Tope's book on the Tope families. Dates and places are not all proved.

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DATE: 2 January 1979

HUSBAND FREDERICK TOPE (First Marriage) — **OCCUPATION** Farmer

		TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION					
BORN	1768			Maryland	J. Butterfield
MARRIED	1788			Kentucky	J. Butterfield
DIED	1842		Union	Illinois	J. Butterfield
BURIED					
FATHER	John Tope		MOTHER Elizabeth		M. Tope Book
OTHER WIVES	Elvira Grammer				

WIFE ELIZABETH — **OCCUPATION** Housewife

		TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION					
BORN	1773				
DIED	1837		Union	Illinois	J. Butterfield
BURIED					
FATHER			MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS					

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Polly	1789			Kentucky
2 M	TOPE, Joseph	1791			Kentucky
3 F	TOPE, Susannah	1793			Kentucky
4 F	TOPE, Elizabeth Ruth	1795			Kentucky
5 M	TOPE, Jacob	1796	Russellville	Warren	Kentucky
6 F	TOPE, Malinda	1797			Kentucky
7 F	TOPE, Barbara	9 Oct. 1799			Kentucky
8 M	TOPE, John	1801			Kentucky
9 M	TOPE, Frederick	1805 1839			Kentucky Illinois
10 M	TOPE, William	1811			Illinois
11 M	TOPE, George	1816 16 Apr. 1845			Illinois Illinois

WIFE ELVIRA GRAMMER (Second Marriage) — **OCCUPATION** Housewife

		TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION					
BORN	1816			Illinois	J. Butterfield
DIED				Illinois	J. Butterfield
BURIED					
FATHER	John Grammer		MOTHER		J. Butterfield
OTHER HUSBANDS	William Welch on 2 April 1843, Union, Illinois				J. Butterfield

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1	No other records.				

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Paternal Great-Great-Great Grandfather

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27 December 1983

CHAPTER III

THE TRIBE OF JOHN

From the foregoing it is seen that there were three tribes of the Tope family in the second generation. In regard to the one, as explained, there is comparatively nothing known. While what is known to us of the house of John can all be told in one single chapter. This we shall do now.

As we understand it, John Tope always lived on the farm about two miles east of Salem, in Jefferson county, O., from the day he first "entered" it, as it is called, until his death. And we presume that when the Tope brothers, and all that were with them, cut their road through and landed at that place, they went to work, as all early settlers did, by camping for a time, making fires on the ground and securing the best shelter they could, until they had hastily constructed a log cabin without any floor except the ground, or any windows but cracks between the logs, by the side of some good spring of water. In this kind of habitation, with puncheon floors and greased paper windows as improvements, perhaps, they would live for years, happily,---much more so, it seems, than many persons do nowadays in their fine dwellings and palaces. After getting into their rude houses, the next thing would be to clear off some land for the crops, and the mattocks and axes were freely used in uprooting and felling grubs and trees to be made into brush-heaps and log-heaps and burnt.

To be sure, the early settlers had their hardships and hard work, the wolves and Indians to guard against, their scanty and coarse diet and poor clothes, &c., but they had their pleasures in hunting game that was abundant, in unalloyed and whole-souled friendships, in domestic mutuality, intercourse and felicity, in the possession of vigorous health and strength, etc., the mere mention of which almost makes one wish he had lived in those days.

But I must not become romantic. John Tope had a farm of 160 acres. A number of years before he died he built a fine, large brick dwelling house, which still stands in very good condition. In the fall of 1892 the writer was on this farm, was in the big brick house, got a drink out of the spring, and secured some notes for this narrative. We found there also one of those what is now called old-fashioned hewed log barns, sixty or seventy feet long, which had been put up by John Tope and his sons. Some time before the old man died he sold a strip of ten acres off of one end of his farm, or traded it rather, for a valuable horse. He was always a great man for hard physical work and had lots of valuable stock and farming utensils; in short, he was one of the men who was well fixed in his day.

We have been told that he made a will, leaving the farm and all the chattles to his youngest son, Joseph, who was to have the care of the widowed mother until her death. But this son was of rather a dissolute disposition and the old lady preferred to live with her other son, Jacob, at whose home she died when he lived in New Rumley, Harrison county, Ohio, and her remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at that place. She was blind for several years and died of old age, well on to a hundred years. No tomb-stone marks her grave. The old house in which she died still stands. It was once a great "tavern stand," and is occupied at this writing by Mrs. Jane Lyle. This information has been obtained recently, and since Chapter I was printed, from Mrs. Brice E. Betts, of Bowerston, and Catherine Guthrie and others, of New Rumley, who were personally acquainted with the facts. This clears up the unfinished history of John Tope's wife. (See Chapter I.)

Concerning John Tope's children, in the different generations down, it is to be greatly regretted that our information is very meager. Most of this has been gained from Mr. William Lease, of Salem:

1. Abram was the oldest son. He went to the war of 1812 and died in the war---thought to have been killed in battle. Some think he was a single man; by others it is claimed he had a wife and two children, but as to what has become of them deponents say not.

2. John Tope grew to manhood; and was married, but to whom we do not know. It was thought by someone that he, too, went to the war and died there, but this seems a mistake.

3. Henry married a Miss Hazlett, had no children, moved to Illinois and died there. This was the one who found his uncle Frederick Tope and brought him to his brothers in Ohio after they had been separated for thirty-seven years.

Old John, as he is sometimes called, gave the two boys, John and Henry, a piece of land, consisting of 80 acres, in Union township, Carroll county, O., (a mile south-east of Petersburg now). John sold his farm to Thomas Brooks and moved to Jackson county. The farm is now owned by James Brooks. This John Tope was nicknamed "Pussy John." He had one son, Amos Tope. Henry sold to Thomas Brooks also when he moved away.

4. Jacob Tope was married to a Miss Cross. He went with his uncle George to Harrison (now Carroll) county and helped to build the Tope's Mills, and for some years tended the mills. He served a term or two as a Justice of the Peace, and hence was called "Squire Tope." From his coarse, black hair and beard he was also nicknamed "Black Jake," to distinguish him from others of the same name. It is related of him, as characteristic of his genial disposition, that when living by the mill his only pig died, and while the friends were lamenting the loss and consoling him the best they could he lightly remarked, "Them that have must lose, but them that haven't can't!" He kept tavern for a number of years in the town of New Rumley, Harrison county, O., and about 1855 moved to Iowa, where he died.

He had a number of children: Mary Ann, Sarah, Fannie, Deliah, John, George, Lucinda and Barbary.

While living at New Rumley, the two daughters, Lucinda and Barbary, started on horseback to Carrollton one Saturday to get new bonnets to wear to some public gathering the next day. A storm came up and when nearing the town (Carrollton) a stroke of lightning killed Lucinda and both of the horses and greatly stunned the other girl. This sad event has been so often and generally related that almost everybody in this country has heard of it.

Barbary married a man by the name of Ralph Joslin, of Cincinnati. He drove stage at New Rumley, and followed tailoring at Cincinnati.

Mary Ann married John Kail, of Algonquin, and lived where William Rutledge lives now. She died of cancer.

Sarah married John Johnson, of Virginia.

Fannie married Zephaniah Keys, of Perrysville (post-office Lamartine), Carroll county, Ohio.

Deliah married a man by the name of James Reed, a tailor. They moved to Iowa when her father went, came back in a year or so, lived in Salem a while and moved to some other town in Ohio. His daughter by his first wife married a man who put him in control of a tailoring establishment and he got well off.

John married Peggy Ann Stahl, of Salem, and moved to Iowa with his father.

Of the others we have no trace. Moved to Iowa, probably.

Mrs. Brice E. Betts tells us a remarkable occurence, as follows: While living in Salem she was a near neighbor of Reed's after they moved back from Iowa. Reeds had one child, a little daughter, whom its grandfather had named Cordelia. He having sent some cloth to make it a dress, Deliah was making it one Christmas night. A strip of the goods which had been laid on the table seemed to move. Naturally, she was astonished at this strange incident and regarded it as a token of something. A letter from Iowa in a few days announced the sad intelligence that the father and grand-father was dying at the time that the piece of cloth acted so strangely. But we could not get the name of the place nor the date of this death.

5. Mary Tope married George Alford. Her father gave her 40 acres of land near Dell Roy (then Cannonsburg), owned now by Samuel Allen. They lived on this place for years. She was a great weaver. Don't know what became of them.

6. Phebe married Joseph Birchfield and went to Illinois.

7. Becky married a man by the name of Criss.

8. Nancy also married a Criss, but that is all we know.

9. George Tope was never married. He was a most remarkably stout man, and coarse. He was a great horseman, and drove stage, hauled grain to Steubenville, &c. He had one fine black horse, Valiant, that he drove at the fifth chain. He would sometimes get "tight" and lie down and let this horse walk over him. But the poor fellow got killed in a squabble with a couple of other fellows about a woman, by one of them hitting him with a billet of wood.

10. Joseph Tope was born in 1812, so somebody has told us. He was a man of considerable intelligence. He married Nancy Hazlett and had a family of seven children: Mary Jane, James, Rebecca, John, Matilda, Elizabeth and Frances. He farmed on the old home place, drove great teams of horses, in stage, hauling flour, etc., to Steubenville, &c. In his older days he "run through with" the property left him and he died in Steubenville, at what date we do not know. Poor man! he went the way of many others; let us look with charity upon his misdeeds. The farm was sold to an old bachelor by the name of Peter Feutha. At the time I visited the place it belonged to Mr. Feutha's heirs, and a gentle-man by the name of David Copeland was living in it.

It has been generally remarked that Joe Tope had a nice woman and a nice family. After the place was sold and he had gone to the Infirmary, his wife lived on some property of her own in New Rumley for several years. She died at that place, a victim of cancer, and was buried there in the U. B. church-yard, On the monument, we read as follows: "Nancy, wife of Joseph Tope, died Aug. 21, 1873,---aged 62 years, 7 months and 6 days.

"Dear Children, to your mother kind,
She must leave you here behind;
May Jesus deign your souls to raise
To join and sing his lasting praise."

Mary Jane, the oldest, lived with her mother until after the latter's death. Then she married John Bishop, a farmer. She had no children. Her husband died some years ago, and she lives now in Jewett, Harrison county, Ohio.

James died while young.

Rebecca married Jesse Marshall, and moved to Illinois.

John Van Buren is a preacher, and while a young man preached many a time in the old Lutheran church referred to in Chapter I. He has been married three times, but to whom or as to how many children, we cannot say. Neither can we tell just where he is. A card from Rev. Homer W. Tope, of Chicago, Ill., recently stated that there is a Rev. Tope at Racine, Wisconsin. I wrote at once to that place, but have received no answer.

Matilda married B. J. Perkins, a railroad conductor on the Pan Handle, but we do not know the address.

Elizabeth married James Manbeck, a farmer, but we do now know their location.

Frances married Jacob Finnicum, a farmer, of near New Rumley. He shot himself, and she afterward married a man by the name of Beardmore, who works as a potter at Liverpool, O.

11. Nancy's husband and history must be nameless with us at this time.

12. Fanny has likewise escaped from further notice.

13. Delilah's history is unknown also.

A word as to the town of Salem: As observed, this was not a town when the Topes came to Ohio. But afterwards it grew to quite a flourishing and aristocratic place, with a number of fine brick buildings. It is three miles north of Unionport, the latter on the Pan Handle railway. Salem is in the direct line of the old stage route between Steubenville and Canal Dover, and used to be a great place for taverns, as hotels were then called. It was a great place for musters. Mrs. Betts tells of a funny time when a crowd came into town to muster. A rain muddied the road, but they got a lot of corn-stalks, rolled up their pants legs and waded through the mud in their bare feet! Of late years the town has gone down. The population is not over 300. As already noted, the post-office name is Annapolis. The writer lectured in the town in the fall of 1892.

HUSBAND JOHN TOPE			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION Lutheran	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 16 November 1767	Harper's F.	Washington	Maryland	Tope Book
MARRIED			Pennsylvania	Tope Book
DIED 26 October 1844	Salem	Jefferson	Ohio	Tope Book
BURIED Lease's Graveyard	Salem	Jefferson	Ohio	Tope Book
FATHER John Tope		MOTHER		
OTHER WIVES				

WIFE MARY HELMICK			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION Lutheran	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN				
DIED	New Rumley	Harrison	Ohio	Tope Book
BURIED Lutheran Cemetery	New Rumley	Harrison	Ohio	Tope Book
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M F	CHILDREN: in order of birth, living or dead SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY - MONTH - YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 M	TOPE, Abram	1812			
2 M	TOPE, John				
3 M	TOPE, Henry				Illinois
4 M	TOPE, Jacob				Iowa
5 F	TOPE, Mary				
6 F	TOPE, Phebe				Illinois
7 F	TOPE, Rebecca				
8 F	TOPE, Nancy				
9 M	TOPE, George				
10 M	TOPE, Joseph		Steubenville	Jefferson	Ohio
11 F	TOPE, Elizabeth	11 July 1807 25 April 1835	Salem	Jefferson	Ohio
12 F	TOPE, Fanny				
13 F	TOPE, Deliah				
14 M	TOPE,	Infancy			

NOTE: M. Tope listed two Nancy's and left out Elizabeth in the listing of John Tope's family in Chapter III. Compare the information on Chapter I. Also the one infant death of a son was not listed in order.

The Revisor
A. D. Maddux

CHAPTER IV.

ADVENTURES OF GEORGE TOPE

Of course, it will be understood that this is the first George Tope,---one of the three brothers of whom we have been speaking. There have been many Georges in the family since, but they must be distinguished otherwise.

George was not so fortunate in settling on his first new farm in Ohio as his brother John; for, after he had lived on it a while, fixed up some and got some crops out, a Dutchman, it is said, came along and ordered him off of it. Tope remonstrated, but the Dutchman said, "Eef you don'dt ged off, I vill boodt you off." He had a previous claim on it, and would not give it up. So the matter of crops, etc, were adjusted and he moved off. This seemed rather tough at the time. Who has not had trials of as great or less extent? But it all worked out for the best, as we shall see. May it not have been that Providence used that Dutchman for good? At least, those of us who are perplexed and provoked by unfavorable circumstances may learn a valuable lesson here.

This farm from which George Tope moved was an adjoining one on the east side of his brother John's, if we have been rightly impressed. Certain incidents indicate that he occupied it for something over a year. We presume it was of the same size as that of his brother--a quarter section.

When he moved from this farm he located about a mile and a half west of Richmond, in the same county. For a time he run a distillery, that being a very common business in those days. But not liking the business, he leased a farm on what was called Big Creek, or Yellow Creek, at a place called Town Fork, in the northern part of Jefferson county, and followed this occupation which was more congenial to his nature and taste.

We are now nearing the time when a very important event in the history of this gentleman was to take place. While he was meeting with reverses and disappointments in some measure, his mind was active and alive in reference to the future. It was he who was to establish the Tope's Mills, famous to this day among many people.

These mills consisted of a saw-mill and a grist-mill,---the former having been started in 1815, and the latter in 1818. George himself went over from Yellow Creek and entered or squatted on 160 acres of land and put up a little cabin that was afterward used for a spring house. This was probably in 1814 sometime, for Barbary McQueen has said that they moved in 1815, when she was ten years old, she having been born March 16, 1805. They lived in this cabin for years. The nearest neighbors they had for a long time were at Wolf's Tavern, four or five miles north of them. In those days it was a common matter, however, for people to travel long distances, and it is said that some of the women would take their babies and carry butter and split brooms afoot to Steubenville to sell.

The grist or flour mill was a log affair, which George Tope and his sons and one of his nephews, Jacob Tope, built themselves. They had to feed the bolt by hand. Of course, as the country settled up more and more improvements were added. A good many years ago a great dam was constructed about a quarter of a mile above the mill and a mill-race from it past the mills was made for the purpose of better regulating the water power and giving steady grinding. A few years ago this was all abandoned and a change made from the buhr-stone process of grinding to the more modern process of patent rollers and steam power. The mill is now owned by W. N. Cory.

After he had lived at the mills for a number of years, George Tope built a great, long log house and kept a little store and a post-office in one end of it. Mrs. Milo Edie (nee Ellen Vankirk) told us recently that she has been in this store a number of times. Mrs. Edie also thinks that when Jacob Tope's daughter, Lucinda, was killed by lightning they lived about a mile east of Tope's Mills, instead of at New Rumley; and that it was Mary Ann that was with Lucinda instead of Barbary, and that they were in a piece of woods nearly home when the lightning struck them.

This place was known by the name of Tope's Mills until about thirty years ago, when it was changed to Petersburg by Cornelius Brackin. Several years ago the post-office name was changed to Algonquin.

Some of George Tope's youngest children were born here. A number of his sons at different times have attended the mills. Hiram was the last one who did duty as miller at the old place until a very few years ago. It is not a large place. There has nearly always been since its establishment a store there. There is a blacksmith shop, a school-house, and quite a number of other fine dwellings. The only family of the Tope name living there now is that of Dr. Jasper Tope. Like many other places, it was a great point at which to meet to muster.

This place was formerly in Harrison county. But the Legislature of Ohio in their session of 1832-33 formed a new county out of slices off of the old counties of Jefferson, Stark, Columbiana, Tuscarawas and Harrison, and called it Carroll, in honor of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Md., the last survivor of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Tope's Mills thus came to be described as being in Carroll county after that date. This explanation will make it plain, we think, why Tope's Mills are said to have been both in Harrison and Carroll counties. Younger generations might wonder at it, were this explanation not given.

George Tope never went to school but one day in his life. Yet he could read and write both German and English. He would sit down on the floor and learn from "Katy," as he familiarly called his first wife.

Such were some of this man's life work. Nothing wonderful, but surely creditable. He died at the home he well earned at a ripe old age, the particulars being recounted in Chapter I.

CHAPTER V.

THE TRIBE OF GEORGE---FIRST WIFE.

Nature seemed to specially favor George Tope in the way of posterity; for, having two wives that were both good bearers, even at single births his family would have been large, but the prolificacy was enchanced by four pairs of twins. The numerosity of all this multiplied offspring and our extensive knowledge of them make it expedient for us to put the account in two chapters. The children by the first wife and the different generations down naturally come in for first consideration.

1. George Tope (who might be called George the 2nd) was born in 1782 . He married Mrs. Elizabeth Allbaugh, of Jefferson county, Ohio, about the year 1809. She was a sister of Jacob Everhart, Sr. There were born to them six children---five boys and one girl: Henry, Catharine, George W. and Jacob were born in Jefferson county. In about 1822 they moved to Harrison county (now Carroll) four miles south of Centerville (now Carrollton) near Tope's Mills, and here were born two children more: Stephen and John.

Soon after John was born, in about 1828, (according to Geo. W. Tope, of Gallia county; but in 1832 by Dr. H. G. Tope, of Perrysville), George (2nd) died of canal fever. (Sarah Davis thinks it was cramp colic), and was buried in the Capper's grave-yard (now Mt. Pleasant), by the side of which is an M. P. church, in Union township, Carroll county, O. Elizabeth Tope, the widow, remained at the same place, and, with the help of the children, kept them together until they went to do for themselves. She died in 1855, and is buried in Franklin cemetery, Franklin county, O.

(a) Henry, the oldest son, learned the gun-smith trade with John M. Holmes, of Carrollton. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked a while at it at Tope's Mills, and was here married to Miss Catharine Croghan, daughter of William Croghan, of the same county. From this marriage there were four children: William A., Hiram G., John H. and Catharine M.

In about 1844 they moved to Hennepin, La Salle county, Ill., and soon after moved to Peru, same State. Here the parents both died of cholera but two days apart, in July 1849, and were buried there. The four children were brought back to New Hagerstown, Carroll county, O., where they were cared for by their grand-mother, who was familiarly called "Granny" Tope.

Of these children, William A. (born 1837) went to the Civil War, and died at Nashville, Tenn., April 24, 1862, while serving as a member of Company C, 69th O. V. I.---Hiram G. (born July 1, 1839) grew to manhood at New Hagerstown, meanwhile attending public school and the New Hagerstown Academy. Choosing the medical profession as his life work, he went to Columbus at 19 years of age and attended college for four years, teaching school at intervals to pay expenses. On receiving his diploma he practiced a year in the western part of Ohio, and then moved to Perrysville, Carroll county, O., where he still resides. In 1862 he was married to Mary A. Shultz, daughter of Solomon and Rachel Shultz, of Harrison county. To this union there were born two children: Cadmus Ambrose and Ulysses I. The elder of these was married to Ella Beamer and they have two daughters: Mary Ethel and Sarah Leona. He taught school for several years and at present is recorder of Carroll county. The younger brother is at home, practicing medicine with his father, having graduated in medicine at Columbus, O. He is unmarried. In 1862

Dr. Tope joined the 80th O. V. I., of the Civil War and served as hospital steward for two years, and then as assistant-surgeon till the close of the war, receiving his discharge August 31, 1865, at Little Rock, Ark.----John H. (born 1841) is now in the lumber business at Fishville, Mich.----Catharine M. (born 1844) was married to Crayton McCoy, a stock-dealer in Van Wert county, O.

(b) Catharine Tope married a man by the name of Palmer, in Franklin county, O., and to them were born five children: Martin, William, Cynthia Ann, Mary Elizabeth and Margaret. Mr. Palmer died in the Mexican War, and Catharine, the widow, died in Franklin county. We presume it was with this daughter that "Granny" Tope lived and died after leaving New Hagerstown.

(c) George W. Tope married Elizabeth Donaldson, daughter of William Donaldson, and niece of the Rev. John Donaldson, of Carroll county, O., in the year 1840. To them were born twelve children: Wm. G., John H., Richard, Alva T., James F., Elizabeth J., Cristy Ann, Angeline, Mary M., Margaret A., Lauretta and Nancy C.

Of these children, William G. (a soldier in the first heavy artillery, Co. G) married Julia Morgan, by whom they had six children: Ebert C., Bertha, Hattie, Abert, Nelson and one that died in infancy. The mother died soon after, leaving the five children. William G. was married again to Miss Mollie Eackes, and they have three children more: Lillie, Walton and Clauda. Bertha, the oldest daughter, married U. S. Minor, and they have three children---two boys and one girl. P. O. address for them is Glady, Gallia county, O.--Elizabeth J. married William H. Drummons. They had eight children: George, Richard, Robert, Cora, Dorha, Liza, Rossa and one that died in infancy. George married Alice Smith, and they have five children--two boys and three girls, Kitchen, O. Richard married Mattie Hudson; they have three children--one boy and two girls. Weston, O. Robert married Ella Philips; they have one child. Northup, O. Dorha married James Hines; they have one child. Washington Court-House, O.-----Angeline married W. Cremmeens and they had nine children: Alford W., Lee, Chester, Ernel, Elizabeth, Anna, Ola, Clara and Christy. Lincoln, O. Elizabeth married Henry W. Null, of Gallipolis, O., and they have two daughters. Alford W. married Dora Minor, of Glady, O., they have one child. Ola married Van Harbor and they have one child, living at Kansas City----John H. married Mary F. Huron; they have five children: William H., Wilson G., Enos, Harry and Emma. Post-office, Glady, O.---Mary M., married William H. White; had six children: Alice, Laura, Mary K., John and Berchum, the other two dying very young; the mother died January 29, 1884. Alice married James Friley, Gallipolis, O., and they have two sons. Laura married George Carroll, of Bidwell, O. They have two sons---Margaret A. Married Jacob N. Carter, of Glenray, O., and had twelve children: Cary, Lena, Frank, Truman, Homer, Effie, Effel, Cora, and four dead. Cary married John Perkins, of Glenray, O., and has one child---Richard married Rebecca Ervin, to whom three children were born: Richard E., Bert, and Clen. The mother died, and he was married again to Jane Philips and another son has been added. Lanion, O.---Alva T. married Josephine Bickle: they had five children: David, Fred, John and Perry and one dead. Alva T. died December 9, 1890. His wife's P. O. address is Glady, O.---Nancy C. married William H. White, of White, O., and they have four children: Clarence, Harry, Mabell and Myrtle---James F. married Mattie L. Warner: they had

three children: Vosie, Laura and one who died in infancy. His wife died in Carroll county, and he married again in Gallia county, Susa Thornton, and has two more sons: Heber and Emmett---Christy Ann died July 8, 1847----Lauretta is still at home unmarried. This makes him (the 3rd George) 66 grand-children and 21 great-grand-children, in whom he takes great interest. He is a farmer living at White post-office, O. He is serving his third term as Justice of the Peace.

(d) Jacob J. Tope married Mary Jane Brown, sister of Joshua Brown, of Tunnel Hill, near Bowerston, O. There were born to them four children: John W., George W., William A. and Mary. He died on Old Town valley, near new Philadelphia, O., in 1861, aged 41 years. He lived when young at New Hagerstown, and worked at the blacksmith trade. His wife is still living, married again, we think, but does not live handy to us.

Of his children, John W. was born at New Philadelphia November 8 in 1845. He was married to a Miss Whaple, studied medicine with Dr. J. D. Otis (now deceased), of New Philadelphia, O., graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1870, and is practicing medicine at Oak Park in Ill. George W. was born near New Philadelphia, married a Miss Romig and they have three children: Wm., H. lately married to Marie E. McKinney, of Scio, O., and Walter Ross and Laura Grace at home. He is a farmer and a stock-dealer, living about four miles west of New Philadelphia, O. William A. was born at New Philadelphia, July 12, 1860, married Fannie Weatherby, of Port Washington, O., May 25, 1887, and they have two children: A son of 6, and a daughter of 4 years. He, too, studied medicine with Dr. Otis, graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and is practicing medicine at Downer's Grove, Ill. He is also vice president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of that place. Mary, their sister, married John Heaston, who is a farmer; they live near New Philadelphia, O.

(e) Stephen Tope married "Polly" Barlean. To these there were born two children: A boy and a girl. Stephen died of fever in 1855 at New Hagerstown and was buried in the Tabor cemetery. He was a great carpenter, and built a number of houses and barns in and about New Hagerstown and Bowerston. His widow married a Mr. Baker and lives at Alliance, O.

(f) John Tope was married to Mary ("Polly") Tope, of Jackson county, O. They had four children: Franklin, William, Cordelia and Loa. Mary, his wife, died some years ago and was buried at Portland, Jackson county, O. He has followed carpentering nearly all his life. Address is Jackson Court-House, O.

2. Susan Tope was married to Thomas Patterson, of Irish descent, of Jefferson county, O. They lived for a while about a mile from Richmond, same county. Then moved to where Thomas Brooks now lives in Carroll county, next to where John Sells lives, near Algonquin, same county, and then to Tuscarawas county, near Roxford, and bought a piece of land there, on which he lived until his death. It is thought that his wife died there also. They had a number of children: George, Thomas, William, John, Jacob, Stephen, Charles, Kate and Betsy. Thomas, Jr., had a crippled hand and traveled over the country quite a good deal. He was a great fellow to chop wood, which he would do with the one hand. He was almost notorious as a mush eater. The writer has seen him several times; and, indeed, who does not remember of seeing "Jim" Patterson? He finally died in the Carroll county infirmary. We are not informed as to the others.

3. Elizabeth Tope married Jacob Everhart, and they lived close to Tope's Mills and ran a still-house for years. They had a number of children, all of whom died without being married, except Peter and Jacob.

"Pete" was married to a Miss Sams, sister of Dawson Sams, of Bowerston, and followed tanning near Tope's Mills a while, and then moved to Iowa. Their father died at the old place, and, subsequently, the widow lived with her son, "Jake," at New Hagerstown, at which place she died. The two old folks and three girls are buried in the Carrollton cemetery.

Jacob Everhart, Sr., married Christina Norricks, moved to Missouri, a number of years ago, and they have seven children: Jacob, Joseph, Mary E., and Sarah C., born in Ohio, and Wm. L., Bertha and Maggie, born in Missouri. Mary E. is married to Loman Brackin, living in Missouri. Not posted on the others.

4. Lucretia Tope had one son: Jacob Jefferson Tope, who was born in 1818. In early life he and his mother located at New Cumberland, W. Va. He married, and was the father of twelve children, all of whose names were have not learned, but some are as follows: William, Frank, John, Charles, Elmer and Ella C. We learned of their whereabouts through two Gasho brothers, who kept a restaurant at Sherrodsville, O. They said some of them owned a livery and one of them teamed at Toronto, Jefferson county, O. Mollie Thompson (nee Long), of Bowerston, has also told us of them. Jacob Jefferson died in August, 1891, according to a card from the daughter, Ella C., of May 20, 1893, but his wife was then living, 65 years of age.

5. John Tope, it is said, went to Hocking county and lived and died there; but as to dates we know not. James, we find, is one of his children and his history shows them to have been in Morgan county. We have been referred to S. H. Tope, Albany, Athens county, O., as a grand-son of his, but letters have brought no answer, ('Spect times are too hard!) All should look this history up; we give all we can.

James Tope, son of John Tope, was born in Morgan county, O., in 1819. He left there and went to Illinois in 1863, and thence to Theyer, Iowa, in 1869. He left that place in 1883, going to Shenandoah, in Page county, Iowa, where, according to a recent letter from E. R. Tope, his son, he died in 1895, at 76 years. He was married in 1848 to Eliza A. Murray. To them were born six children: Lewis F., deceased, Laura E., John M., deceased, Sylvester P., Lyman W. and Edward R.

6. Sally Tope was married to James Mackey. They lived in Carroll county for a time, moved to Jackson county, where Mr. Mackey died. Then the widow and Silas Tope, her son, went to Missouri, where we suppose she died. We are told that she had a blue and a black eye---a peculiar fact for science as well as common observation.

7. Polly Tope died young. Somebody thought she was married to someone, but Mary Allen, who ought to know, has lately told us differently. Sally and Polly were twins.

8. Jacob Tope (a twin) was born February 10, 1801, about two miles east of Salem, Jefferson county, O. He went to Carroll county with his father's family and assisted in the pioneer work at Tope's Mills. He married Catherine Kail, daughter of George Kail, then of near Perrysville, O. He and his brother Stephen married cousins. The brothers themselves looked so much alike that either one of their wives or anybody else might easily mistake the one for the other, and some fun often occured by persons making such mistakes.

Jacob Tope bought a farm about a mile east of Leavittsville at an early day and built upon it, farmed it and reared his family; and here at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 26 days he died January 6, 1877. His wife followed him on February 27, 1889, at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 7 days. Buried in the St. Luke cemetery. Their children were as follows:

Lavina, who died at an early age, unmarried.

Hiram James, who was born December 24, 1825. He was married to Nancy A. McHugh (born June 27, 1830) September 3, 1857, at New Hagerstown, O. They lived on a farm for years in Uniontownship, Carroll county, O., and about ten years ago he sold it to William Davis and moved to Tullahoma, Tenn., where they now live. They had two children: John C., born February 19, 1858; married March 13, 1886, to Elda Dunlap: and have had four children: Thomas Earl, born May 2, 1887; Sherley, born Mar. 17, 1889; Alton, born July 23, 1891 and died Feb. 23, 1894; and May, born May 23, 1895 and died Mar.,------1896; they live at Uhrichsville and are engaged in the laundry business. David R., born May, 1859; married November 12, 1893, to Chloe Ball; have no children; engaged in the laundry business at Tullahoma, Tenn.

Ann, married David Rainsberger, a farmer, of near Leavittsville, O. Mr. Rainsberger held some important township offices in his day, as treasurer, etc. He died a few years ago. They had one son, J. H., who has been school teacher, telegrapher, pharmacist and leader of several cornet bands; he was married to Frank (Sic) Springer and they have one daughter, June; living in Bowerston. Mrs. Rainsberger, his mother, lives on the old place.

The next three were boys, John, Jackson and George, all of whom died while young.

Gabriel, who was married to Elizabeth McHugh. He was one of 'ye olden time skule teachers''; for years he has owned a small farm about two miles north of Leavittsville, O., and now gives considerable attention to legal matters. Their children were four in number: A daughter that died young, Homer W., who taught a number of schools, graduated at Philadelphia, Pa., as a Lutheran minister and preached several years at Youngston, O., but was recently called to Chicago, where he is now located at 782 Lanabee street; he married Alice Moughiman and they have one son, Richard. Beldon, who was married to Daisy Crawford and live now at Dell Roy, O.; they have some children, we think, but as we got no reply to our letter of inquiry, cannot say further; he is a teamster. Thomas, who was married to Hattie Rainsberger; they have one child; and live at home with his father.

Thomas J. Tope, who still lives at the old home; not married, but he ought to be, or he will be an old bachelor, sure! He has held the office of Township Treasurer, and is a good, jovial fellow generally.

William T. Tope, who was a school-teacher and farmer in early life. He still owns a farm and poses as an Infirmary Director of Carroll county, residing about two miles east of Leavittsville. His wife's maiden name was Rose Garrett. They have three children, as follows: Ollie, who is married to Walter Brooks; they have one child. And Ross and Thomas, unmarried, at home.

9. Stephen Tope (a twin) was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, February 10, 1801. This fact, coupled with the fact that he was often known to remark that he "was born two miles east of Salem," corraborates the statement that the Topes came into Ohio in 1800. George Tope, his father, only lived there less than two years and the dates and statements agree.

THE TRIBE OF GEORGE--FIRST WIFE

Stephen Tope was married to Jemima Kail, daughter of Gabriel Kail, of then near New Rumley, and a sister of Jesse Kail, who was living a few years ago near Canton, O. She has also a half brother, Hiram Kail, residing near Perrysville, O. They first set up house-keeping at Tope's Mills, and Mr. Tope followed the business of a miller for several years. Afterward they moved to a farm now known as the John McHugh place, and, subsequently, he purchased the farm he owned when he died, located nearly two miles south of Algonquin, and now owned by James Tripp. To them were born ten children: Mary, Jacob, Sarah, Louisa, Jackson, Jasper, Levi, Maria, Martha and George B.

Jemima, wife of Stephen Tope, died of dropsy October 3, 1870,--aged 63 years, 11 months and 2 days, and was buried in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Union township, Carroll county, O. And her husband followed her on September 26, 1871--aged 70 years, 7 months and 16 days. He died of cholera morbus, after a few hours' sickness, at the residence of James Marshall, (Marshall having married his son Jacob Tope's widow), near New Harrisburg, O., whither he had gone on a visit. Interment by the side of his wife. He went to school only two days in his life, but learned to read and write after he was married. Of his children---

(a) Mary, married to Jacob Allen, (deceased Dec. 6, 1896), a farmer of Union township, Carroll county, O. They reared a large family of children: Levi, Jemima, William, Stephen T., Jackson W., Hiram James, one dead, Amanda, Jasper, Mary F. and Jacob, all seven sons noted fiddlers; and one daughter, Mary F., an organist.

Levi married Mary A. Armstrong, studied medicine with Dr. Black while living in Carroll county, moved to Amsterday, Jefferson county, where he now resides. Has practiced medicine twenty-seven years. Their children are: Laura, Brady (married Francis Wilson), Alva, Lafayette, Lillian, Lizzie and Roy.

Jemima married A. J. McCauley, and lives at Connotton, O. They had six children: Jacob Joseph (married Nellie Brown), Mary C. (dead), James A. (dead), Orvie L., Curtis W. and Andrew C.

William married Maggie A. May, had two children, Hinckley and Emory; his wife is dead, and he was at Bakersfield, Cal., at the last account.

Stephen T. married Elizabeth A. Scott; they had three children: Orpha (married to James Wilkinson, Empire, O.), and Virgil and Vernie (twins), deceased. He is a minister of the M. P. Church, now at Mt. Vernon, O.

Jackson married Chastina Scott, they have three children, Roy, Donna and Coyla; he is janitor of a large school building at Great Falls, Montana.

Hiram J. born July 27, 1852, was married to Rena Scott, (born June 16, 1865,) of Dell Roy, O., August 9, 1885; they have three children, Clyde E., born Dec. 20, 1886 and died March 17, 1888, Lottie D., born on Feb. 7, 1888, and Morris F., born May 28, 1891; he is a farmer of Union township, Carroll county, O.

Amanda married Joseph Parker, had two children, James and Ida; married to David Clark and had six more children, Verda, Corma, Lulu, Tommy, Oma and Madie Pearl; she is dead.

Jasper N. (deceased), a farmer, was married to Susan Russell, and they had one son, Jasper N.

Mary F. married Alexander Scott, a farmer of near New Hagerstown, O. They have one son, Andrew, and a wee daughter.

Jacob married Anna J. Maple Aug. 21, 1886; names of children: Inez, born Aug. 4, 1887, Jessie, born Dec. 21, 1889, Perry, born June 24, 1892, and a baby born in 1896. He keeps a racket store at Quaker City, O.

(b) Jacob early devoted himself to study and farm life, and, so on becoming of age, married Ann Jane Parker. He lived on a farm in Monroe township, Carroll county, O., where he died of typhoid fever Jan. 18, 1863---aged 35 years, 5 months and 12 days. Interred at St. Luke cemetery. His widow married James Marshall and had two sons, George and James: Mr. Marshall died, and the widow married again to Samuel Goff, Kilgore, O. Mr. Tope's children are:

Wm.S., who married Dane Campbell: to which union there were born Oliver, Jackson and Anna, all unmarried; he served as Township Treasurer for a number of years: is a farmer, near New Harrisburg, O.

Robt. J., who married a Miss Gould; he is in the livery business at Scio, O.

Joseph V., who married a Miss Sweasy; they have four children, Daisy, Blanche and two boys: he is a carpenter at Dell Roy, O.

(c) Sarah was married to William Davis, or more commonly called "Big Bill Davis," a name given, not because he was so big, but to distinguish him from another "Bill" Davis not so big as he was. He was a farmer by occupation and always lived in Union township, Carroll county, O., till his death, May 28, 1894. The following are the names of their children:

Mary Ann, who married John McKnight, a farmer of near Algonquin, and they have no children.

Stephen, at home on the farm, single.

Beldon, married to Josephine Thorley, have no children, and live on a farm close to Dell Roy, O.

David, married to Cory Sells, have no children; address is Algonquin, O.

Thomas, who married Florence Shotwell; he keeps a store and post-office at Tabor, O.

Martha, who married Thomas J. McGhee, of Dell Roy, O.; he is a section hand on the C. C. & S. railroad; they have a small child.

John, who is unmarried and at home.

One that died in infancy.

(d) Louisa remained at home with her parents without marrying. She died of cancer and dropsy June 19, 1871---aged 40 years, 5 months and 12 days. Interred at Mt. Pleasant.

(e) Jackson, who was born Dec. 5, 1832. He has always been a farmer, handy with tools and has made millions of shingles. He married Catharine Pillers, daughter of Daniel and Nancy Pillers. Their children are as follows:

Melancthon (the writer), born Jan. 28, 1857; he taught school a number of years; is a practical phrenologist; and owner and publisher of the BOWERSTON PATRIOT. He was married to Permelia Gamble, and they have three children, Jackson Glen, Daisy Dell and Glisson Gail.

Albert Stephen, born July 31, 1858; married Annie Simpson, and they had one daughter, Clara Pearl; his wife died, and he was married again to Jentha Lucas, from which marriage there are two daughters, Maggie and Bessie. He is a carpenter and farmer at Sherrodsville, O.

Jasper R., born Dec. 6, 1859. As a boy he worked on the farm, studied music and was making success in this line, when unfortunately he went west and took dumb ague, which eventually deranged his mind, necessitating confinement in the State Asylum, Columbus, O.

Mary J., born Sept. 25, 1861; was married to James Campbell and has one daughter, Grace. Address is Leavittsville, O.

George B., born Sept. 11, 1863, is unmarried and at home on the farm. But he may be married some day!

Nancy L., born Sept. 6, 1865, was married to Benjamin Gartrell, a farmer of Leesville, O. They have three children.

William J., born May 10, 1867, lives at Dell Roy, O.; was married to Sib Albaugh; they have three sons whose names we have forgotten.

The mother of these seven children died April 3, 1868, and was buried in the Tabor cemetery. Jackson was married again to Susan J. Simpson, daughter of Thomas Simpson, of Harrison county, O., and four children more were born: Martha Bell and Virginia V., deceased, and

Lettie J., born Sept. 16, 1874, married to Peter Robertson, a miner. They have no children. Address is Leavittsville, O.

Thomas O., born April 19, 1876, who is at home, single.

(f) Jasper, was married to Rebecca Brackin. Have no children. He worked on the farm and at carpentering in early life, studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Stockin, of Carrollton, and has become a splendid physician. He is especially noted for success with typhoid fever. His home is at Algonquin, the former Tope's Mills, Carroll county, O.

(g) Levi, was married to Isabel Logan, of Virginia, and lived on a farm in Perry township, Carroll county, O., for a number of years working at the carpenter trade as well as farming. To them were born two children: William and Maggie. His wife died of cancer; he married again, Mrs. Huston, and they all went west to Wichita, Kan., and the last account we had was that they were in Nebraska.

(h) Maria, was married to John Butterfield and lived in Perry township, Carroll county, O., a few years and then moved to near Rosemond in Christian county, Ill., where they are well-fixed on a big farm. They have had three children: Harvey S., married to a Miss Emory, and Eva and Albert Clinton.

(i) Martha, was married to Isaac B. Tripp, a farmer of Orange township, Carroll county, O. After his father-in-law's death he bought the home Tope farm and lived on it a few years and then traded it for one near Leesville, O., where he now resides. They had three children: James, married to a Miss Easterday and lives near Leesville, O., and Cora May and Bert at home. From some physical ailment Mrs. Tripp's mind became affected a few years ago and she had to be taken to the State Asylum.

(j) George B., born Aug. 19, 1843, was married to Margaret Jane Dunlavy (born July 10, 1842) on Dec. 1, 1864; (died Aug. 20, 1894, of typhoid fever, hastened by paralysis.) He has been a farmer all his life; emigrated to Kansas in 1871 and saw the ruins of the Chicago fire at that time, but soon returned to Ohio, and has resided in this State ever since, now at Mechanicstown. Their children were: M. E., married to Ora L. Seekings Dec. 27, 1891; he is bookkeeper in Carnegie's office, Homestead, Pa. Jesse L., married to Agnes M. Moore Sept. 15, 1891; he is now clerking in a store in Wooster, O. Clara B., married to Wm. G. Hahn Mar. 14, 1894; living on a farm near Minerva, O. Lizzie M.. married to John C. Unkefer March 31, 1896; living on a farm near

Robertsville, O. Viola M., married Hermon McCord Sept. 17, 1895; he is a farmer. Mechanicstown, O. Lucy E. died Feb. 10, 1875--aged 5 months and 28 days. Geo. D. is single, residing at home. M. E. has one son, Earl Raymond; and Jesse L. one son, Charles Foster.

Corrections and Additional Notes:

HUSBAND GEORGE TOPE			OCCUPATION Farmer & Miller	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 3 March 1761	Harper's F.	Washington	Maryland	Tope Book
MARRIED			Pennsylvania	Tope Book
DIED 12 August 1845	Petersburg	Carroll	Ohio	Tope Book
BURIED Mt. Pleasant Cem.	Petersburg	Carroll	Ohio	Tope Book
FATHER John Tope		MOTHER		
OTHER WIVES Elizabeth Bower				

WIFE CATHERINE STRADDLER			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN				
DIED				
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS				

	SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1	F	TOPE, Susie		Roxford	Tuscarawas	Ohio
2	F	TOPE, Elizabeth (Lizzie)		New Hagerst.	Carroll	Ohio
3	M	TOPE, John			Hocking	Ohio
4	M	TOPE, George II	1782 1832		Carroll	Ohio
5	F	TOPE, Lucretia				West Virginia
6	F	TOPE, Sally				Missouri
		TWINS				
7	F	TOPE, Polly				
8	M	TOPE, Steven	10 Feb. 1801 26 Sept. 1871	Salem	Jefferson Carroll	Ohio Ohio
		TWINS				
9	M	TOPE, Jacob	10 Feb. 1801 6 Jan. 1877	Salem Leavittsville	Jefferson Carroll	Ohio Ohio
10						
11						
12						

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Names are listed in the order of birth as given on page 9. Melancthon Tope did not always give the information the same in order, so it is difficult to know whom goes where. Have fun.

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CHAPTER VI.

THE TRIBE OF GEORGE---SECOND WIFE

1. Barbary Tope was born March 16, 1805, presumably at Townfork, on Yellow Creek, Jefferson county, O. This confirms our statements in Chapter I in reference to the second marriage of George Tope. She was ten years old when they moved over to Tope's Mills in 1815. She was married first to Isaac Whiteman, and they had one child, Isaac, that died early in life. Mr. Whiteman died suddenly, where Samuel Buchanan now lives, to the north of Petersburg, by taking a drink of water when he was hot. She was next married to Samuel McQueen, a farmer of near Palermo, Perry township, Carroll county, O. To them were born three children: Angeline, Minor and David. Mr. McQueen died of cancer May 28, 1875---aged 82 years, 7 months and 5 days. His wife lived on until Feb. 9, 1896, when she died at the residence of her son David--at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 23 days. She preserved a solid mind in old age. She had seventeen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grand-child living. Her remains were interred by the side of those of her husband in the Tabor cemetery.

Angeline McQueen was married to Joshua Davis May 10, 1848. They now live at Mineral Point, O. Mr. Davis is a dentist by occupation. To them have been born nine children: Samuel A., was united in marriage Oct. 3, 1872, to Maggie J. Tripp: five children have been born to them: Clinton W., Lillie B., Edwin H., Lula C., Ina L.: and live at Mineral Point, O. Barbary I. was married to Wm.T. Rabe Oct. 1, 1874: They have three children: Angie O., married to James C. Jones March 15, 1896; Myrtle L. and Florence P. Mary M. was married Dec. 24, 1874, to Wm. J. Andrews; to them have been born five children: Lillie B, (deceased), Grace E., married to Thomas Nordyke Sept. 15, 1895, who have one daughter, Murle; Carrie M. (deceased), Wilbur N. and Goldie H. Andrew W. was married to Jennie N. Cross June 24,1882; he is a dentist and is now mayor of Holton, Kan.; they have two children: Artie M. and Edgar C. Emma C. was married to Frank A. Stoneman June 30, 1881; they live at Mineral Point; have one child, Bertie. Samantha R. was married to Simon Straub Feb. 3, 1884; they live at Mineral Point, O.: have one child, Maudie O. Florence N. (deceased), was married to Jasper S. Heavlin June 22, 1882: two children were born to them: Harry J. and Walter E.; he is a dentist at Canal Dover, O. Louisa A. was married to James E. McNeel, a dentist of Mineral Point, Aug. 23, 1883; they have two children: Walter R. and Rollo O. Malinda M. was married Aug. 8, 1887, to Thomas Osborn; they have two children: Angie Andrey and Emma Fay.

As to whom Minor McQueen married we are not informed. He is a farmer of Union township, Carroll county, O. They had five children: David M., who married Rebecca Hagey; they have three or four children whose names we do not know; he is a farmer and poultry dealer, near Bowerston. Susan, who married Milton Barlean. James, who married Dorinda Barlean, Joseph, who married Carrie Smeltz. And John Burt, still at home, unmarried.

David McQueen was married to Nancy Buck. He is a farmer of Union township, Carroll county, O. They had six children: John Moffit, married Annie Cotter and they have several children; reside near Leavittsville, O. Barbary Ellen, who married Reuben Dayhuff. Mattie, who married John Atwell, a school-teacher, now of Dell Roy, O. Samuel and Annie, twins, deceased. And Vianna, at home.

2. Katie Tope was married to Augustus Rigby, of Baltic, Tuscarawas county, O., a farmer. They had six children: George, who has three children: Isaac B., John and one dead; James, Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah and Maria, the last of whom lives in Vicksburg, Mich. Mr. Rigby died, and the widow was married again to William McQueen, father of "Senator" William McQueen, of Palermo, O. The result of this marriage was one son, Cyrus McQueen, a farmer and business man of near Baltic, O., who has six children: Jacob, Catharine, Mary, William, Adam and John.

3. Lydia Tope was married to Elisha McQueen, a farmer, of near Palermo, O. Mr. McQueen died Feb. 25, 1890--aged 88 years, 6 months and 16 days. His wife died on the following December 22--aged 81 years and 2 months. Interment in the Tabor cemetery. To them were born seven children:

Mary, married to James Casey; they lived in Carroll county, near Palermo, a number of years, then moved to Iowa. Mrs. Casey died Jan. 23, 1889--aged 61 years, 1 month and 10 days, and her husband died about two years after. They had five children: William, George, Rachel and two other boys. Address is Harlan, Shelby county, Iowa.

William H., born Nov. 26, 1829, in Carroll county, O.; went to Modale, Iowa, April 6, 1860. They have had five children: Elisha, Amanda, James L., Charles G. and Frank W. The two oldest were born in Ohio, the others in Iowa. Elisha and Charles G. are farmers; James L. and F. W. are in the mercantile business in Modale, Iowa. Amanda is married to James A. Hester, a farmer. Mr. McQueen is retired and lives in Modale.

Malinda, born Dec. 14, 1832. She was married to Joseph Tripp, a farmer of Orange township, Carroll county, O., Jan. 17, 1850. She departed this life July 17, 1896, her death being caused by malignant cancerous tumor over the right bowels, with other internal complications, as shown by the autopsy. Interment at Tubor cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Tripp were born five children: Margaret, who married James Pillers, Jr., who is now a lumber dealer and proprietor of a saw-and-planing mill at Bowerston, O.; they have had six children: Emmett (deceased); Jodie (deceased); Lola, married to W. A. Rennecker and have one son, James Wendell; Willie (deceased); Linnie and Anna. Ann, who married Richard Brooks, a farmer of near Palermo, O.; they have two children: William and Elmer. Lydia, who married Frank Crumrine, who is now an officer of militia, 104 Bitman street, Akron, O.; they have two children living, Charles and Gurtie, and one dead. Hettie, married to Mansfield E. Vorhes, now of Seneca, Nehama county, Kansas, a contractor and builder; a terrible cyclone visited them May 19, 1896, and destroyed their home and killed one of their children, Wilbur, 10 years of age; they have six other children: Ada (deceased), Jodie, Roy, Charlie, Ula and a baby. Ellsworth, married Rebecca Brackin; have two children, Ethel and Anna, and they live at home with their father, near New Hagerstown, O.

George, was married in Iowa; have one child, a daughter; is well off as a farmer; address is Harlan, Iowa.

Levi, died of inflammatory rheumatism when about 18 years of age.

Rachel, was married to John Knight, son of James Knight; they lived several years near Leesville, O., had three children, Alice, Grant and a daughter, then went to Indiana, thence to Iowa; Mrs. Knight died and he married again; do not know his address.

Samuel, is some place in Missouri, we learn; is unmarried.

4. Malinda Tope, born Dec. 29, 1813, was married Dec. 26, 1839, to James Calvin Cooper, born June 15, 1815. They were married at Tope's Mills in Carroll county, O., moved to Washington county in 1841, removed to Franklin county, Kan., in 1869, bought a prairie farm and improved it, and moved to Ottawa, the county seat in August 1878, where he died of erysipelas Dec. 25, 1890, and his wife of lung fever Dec. 26, 1890, their deaths being only twenty-three hours apart. Their funeral sermon was preached on the 27th, the 51st anniversary of their wedding, and they were buried in one grave at Baldwin, Douglass county, Kan. Malinda lost all trace of her people after moving west until just a few years before her death. This couple had seven children, one boy and six girls, all of whom died in Ohio, except three girls:

Hiram James, born March 8, 1841, died in 1858--aged 17 years.

Catharine, born April 23,1843; married to John P. Stephens, a Baptist minister, Sept. 1, 1864, now of Wellsville, Franklin county, Kansas, P. O. box 216; they had seven children: Sarah Malinda (born July 14, 1865), married to Wm. M. Lidikay Feb. 17, 1886, and have had three children, the two oldest, a boy and girl, dead, and John Casto, the baby, born April 9, 1893; living at Wellsville, Kan. Spurgeon Beecher, born on Feb. 13, 1867. Calvin Stacy, born June 7, 1869. Rosa May, born May 16, 1871. Mary Elizabeth, born April 17, 1873 and died Feb. 27, 1874. Octavio Catharine, born Jan. 6, 1875. Grace Orpha, born Jan. 15, 1877. The most of them are farmers.

Elizabeth, born Jan. 30, 1845, deceased March 1, 1862.

Lucinda, born Feb. 21, 1847, and died in 1863.

Maria, born March 18, 1849; married to L. W. Saville Nov. 10, 1881; died Oct. 12, 1885, leaving one daughter, Bessie Myrtle, who lives now with J. P. Stephens' family.

Arie C., born Oct. 24, 1851; married to W. N. Gibson, of Colorado Springs, Col., 14 W. Rio Grand street, March 9, 1871.

Malinda Jane, born June 10, 1854 and died March 5, 1862.

5. William Tope was a farmer; he married Nancy Shannon and they lived several years in an old house where William Capper lives at present close to Palermo, Carroll county, O. He was considered a champion squirrel hunter of Carroll county. His wife died of cancer, and we believe he married again. He went to Minnesota, then Noragon county, Kansas, where he was eaten out by grasshoppers, then he moved to Oregon, and where he was at last account, but his address is not known. There is one of his daughters living at Brooklyn, Iowa, married to a man by the name of Harrison (Christian name not known), but she does not know her father's address. He was blind of an eye, having had it put out by a bow and arrow. We have no account of any of his children.

6. Levi Tope was a school teacher and a farmer. He was married to Sarah Davis, sister of George and William Davis, of Carroll county, Ohio. They went to Putnam county, O., and it is thought that they died there. It is known that they had two children, Hiram and Martha, before moving to Putnam county, but here their history drops out. Some of our friends told us they thought they were living at or near Lima, O., but we wrote to an acquaintance

at that place, Clarence C. Price, to see if anybody by the name of Tope lived there, and he replied (July 8, 1895), that there were none. And we know nothing further.

7. Maria Tope married William Moles; they moved to Marion county, Iowa, where they lived a while and then moved to Lettsville, Louisa county, Iowa. He was at one time a hotel-keeper, but later he ran a blacksmith-and-wagon-maker's shop. They had seven children: Hiram, William, George, Mary, Elizabeth, and two others whose names we do not know. It is proper to state that before going west Mr. Moles lived at Tope's Mills and worked with Eli Tope at the blacksmith trade.

8. Eli Tope was born May 10, 1815, in Carroll county, O. He was married to Catharine Davis, daughter of Joshua and Isabel Davis, March 23, 1837, who was the mother of ten children, five of whom died in infancy and five now living. His wife died Sept. 15, 1858, and he married again, April 29, 1854, Margaret Tope, daughter of John and Mary Tope, of Jackson county, O., by whom he had eleven children more, one of whom died in infancy and the rest are still living. He worked at blacksmithing for over sixty years. In 1853 he moved from near the old homestead at Tope's Mills to Jackson county and settled almost in the woods, there being only a small lot cleared around a log cabin. He felt himself in rather close circumstances, as his means were limited; but still greater tribulations were to follow, for in the fall of the same year he lost his wife, and in May 1859 his house burnt down, destroying considerable property with it, which was followed on the 5th morning of June, same year, by the memorable frost that killed nearly all the wheat. In 1861 he built a brick house, which burnt in the spring of 1873, entailing another severe loss. But he rebuilt and just as he was ready to retire from wielding the heavy hammer another calamity still followed, it being the failure in business of one of his sons, which involved him to a considerable extent. In all of these trials he never yielded to discouragement, but at his ripeness of age, the last one on top of the others, with all of the others, with all of his hard work, overpowered his nerves so that his hands, as stated in a letter written to us by Wm. W. Tope May 10, 1893, "are shaking all the time;" notwithstanding that, his general health was then at his 78th birthday quite good. But he did not remain on earth much longer. A letter from Davis Tope, Geneva, Nebraska, dated Jan. 15, 1896, says his "father died about two years ago at the age of about 80 years." His second wife died Aug. 11, 1890. The address was Cove, O. The account of the children is as follows:

FIRST WIFE

Wm. W. Tope, who married Catharine Rapp April 16, 1865; they had six children, three of whom died in infancy, and three are now living. Address is Coalton, O.

Isabel Tope, who married James H. Heath, now of Geneva, Nebraska. They have had seven children, one of whom died in infancy.

George F. Tope, who married Lucinda House, and they have five children, all living.

Hiram M. Tope, who was married to Eliza Coy, and have three children, all living.

Davis Tope, who married Mary C. Rapp, and has four children all living. They live at Geneva Neb., and he is general agent for the Neidhart Marble Works, of Beatrice, Neb.

SECOND WIFE

John N. Tope, who was married to Mary Dukes; no children.

James J. Tope, who married Lucinda Overly, and they have three children, all living.

Martha E. Tope, who married Samuel Rapp, and have had three children, one dying in infancy.

Mary E. Tope, who married James Sheridan, and they have four children, all living.

Jacob E. Tope, who married Sarah C. Hopper; they have one child, who is living.

Catharine I. Tope, who married Lewis Rapp, and has one child, living.

Oscar Tope, married to Annie L. House, and they have one child, living.

Alven D. Tope, Ezra N. Tope, and Maggie D. Tope are still single and at home.

9. Joseph Tope was married to Hettie Green, and lived at the Tope's Mills for a few years, then bought a farm near Palermo, O., where he resided until his death. He dropped dead, and was found lying in the cellar-way, at his home on April 4, 1884, at the age of 66 years, 5 months and 19 days. His wife died Aug. 14, 1892, aged 71 years, 4 months and 22 days. Interment at Tabor cemetery. They had eight children, as follows:

Sara E. Tope, married Andrew D. McQueen, a farmer, now of Leesvill, Henry county, Mo. They have had fifteen children, two of whom died in infancy: Hettie Clarissa, Abel Ellsworth, Joseph Bramwell, George Fletcher, Hiram Orlando, Joshua Francis, John Tennyson and Andrew Milton (twins), Eva Oretta, Sarah Emmeline, Mary Samantha, William Bascom, and Olonzo Harrison.

George M. Tope, who married Ruth Elizabeth Hood, who was born in Carroll county, Mo. They were married in that state in 1875. He is a farmer, and their address is Coal, Mo. They have had nine children: Ethel Blanche, Wm. Jessie, Joseph Earnest, John Bacsom, Mary Lydia, Ezra Goldwin, Nellie Hetty Elenor, Clyde, and George Wilbur.

Samatha J. Tope, who died April 3, 1868,--aged 35 years, 4 months and 25 days; was not married.

Clarrisa, who died when quite young.

E. E. Tope, who is a physician of considerable practice. He married Emma Whittaker, of Harrison county, practiced medicine at Tippecanoe, O., for a few years and then located at Leesville, O., where he still practices. No children.

Lydia M. Tope, a twin, was married to William Rutledge, a farmer, of near Algonquin, O. They have one son, Frank.

Mary E. Tope, a twin, was married to J. T. Hole, an attorney-at-law and editor. He was a graduate of Mt. Union college, they lived a while at Alliance, O., then moved to Washington, Kan., where he was editor and proprietor of THE WASHINGTON POST REGISTER. THE CARROLL FREE PRESS, Carroll county, O., of April 8, 1896, announced the sad fact of his death. We learn that the widow is left with eight children.

Joseph B. Tope, married to Mary B. Brower, daughter of John Brower, and half sister of David Brower, of Bowerston, O. He is a farmer, living on his father's old place near Palermo. They have had three children, one of whom is dead.

10. Hiram Tope, was married to Eliza Brackin, daughter of Cornelius Brackin and sister of Dr. Jasper Tope's wife. They lived at the Mills for a number of years, but toward the last of his days he sold out and bought a farm of 160 acres about two miles north east of Algonquin, where he resided till his death, which occured about June 1, 1894. The youngest son of the founder of Tope's Mills, he was the last one of the family, and of the name for that matter, who attended the mill there. His wife died on the 24th of Oct., 1894, of lung trouble. Interment at Mt. Pleasant. Their children are as follows:

Mary Elizabeth, married to Lewis Lotz, near New Harrisburg, O. They have some children, but the names we do not know.

George, died when a small boy--Aug. 25, 1860, aged 2 years 5 months and 25 days.

Cornelius, married to Annie Nivens, and live on part of the old home place, near Algonquin. They have five children, names not known.

Rebecca, was married to Marion Smeltz, and they have had three children: Nannie, Wain and Howard. Moved to Colorado a few years ago; came back; and Mr. Smeltz died near New Hagerstown, O.

Maggie, was married to Steward Hess, and lived near Algonquin, Ohio. They had two children: Harry and Florence, aged seven and five respectively. She died of consumption July 20, 1896, and the remains were interred at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Samuel, who married in Colorado. They moved back to this country, and live now on part of the old place near Algonquin, O.

And one girl, Chastina, who died in infancy, Aug. 7, 1856,--aged 4 months and 21 days.

HUSBAND GEORGE TOPE			OCCUPATION Farmer & Miller	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 3 March 1761	Harper's F.	Washington	Maryland	Tope Book
MARRIED 3 July 1804		Jefferson	Ohio	MR 1797-1813
DIED 12 August 1845	Petersburg	Carroll	Ohio	Tope Book
BURIED Mt. Pleasant Cem.	Petersburg	Carroll	Ohio	Tope Book
FATHER John Tope		MOTHER		
OTHER WIVES Catherine Straddler				

WIFE ELIZABETH BOWER			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN				
DIED 7 May 1855				
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Barbary	16 March 1805	Townfork	Jefferson	Ohio
	TWINS				
2	TOPE,	16 March 1805 infancy	Townfork	Jefferson	Ohio
3 F	TOPE, Katie				
4 F	TOPE, Lydia				
	TWINS				
5 M	TOPE, Abram	infancy			
6 F	TOPE, Malinda				
7 M	TOPE, William				Oregon
8 M	TOPE, Levi			Putnam	Ohio
9 M	TOPE, Eli	10 May 1815		Carroll	Ohio
10 M	TOPE, Joseph	30 Dec. 1818 4 April 1884	Palermo	Carroll	Ohio
11 M	TOPE, Hiram	1 June 1894	Algonquin		Ohio
12 F	TOPE, Maria			Louisa	Iowa

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Names are listed in the order of birth as given on page 9. Melancthon Tope had a unique way to record information. I have retyped it as he printed it. So have fun doing your own digging.

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CHAPTER VII

CONCLUDING NOTES

We have often heard it remarked that every time a man builds a new house he can see after it is done where he could have improved it. This is also true of making a book. In this one we know there are some defects, though having been as pains-taking as possible under the circumstances. With the corrections we shall set forth here, what we have given may be relied upon for its truthfulness. Whatever has been omitted, it has been at no fault of ours. We have tried to arrange it so it would be plain to all, but now see where some changes could have been made for the better. No thought of partiality has been allowed a place in puffing one above another. Care has been taken to mention the locations of persons, so that every one, in the west as well as here at home, could understand; to speak of Palermo, for instance, it would be easy for anyone living handy to the place to recognize the location, but to one at a distance and not acquainted, it is better that the county and state be mentioned. But with all its imperfections, who is not glad that it has been published!

It is about five years since we first thought of collecting this history. The work has been tedious, though not devoid of pleasure. We have printed two hundred copies, thinking to supply all who would wish to buy. The paper and binding meet all on a common level, and those who wish a better binding can easily have it put on their own copies at any time at their own expense. I will not attempt any re-publication. The price may seem a little high to some at first sight, but a little wise reflection upon the arduousness of the work and the limited number of copies to be sold will show that $1 per copy, the price asked, is really cheap;---who would do it for less. Let every one please see that their friends get a book, as long as they last.

Simpson Boreland, of Bowerston, thinks the Barney Bower mentioned on page 11, paragraph 4, was married to a Tope, but we have no other account of it.

In reference to the death of Jacob Tope's daughter, Lucinda, the accounts by Mrs. Bretts (page 22) and Mrs Edie (page 24) are both partly correct. George W. Tope, of Gallia county, O., says "she was killed in Carrollton near where the court-house stands,---just as they were going into town. There were but a few houses on that street at that time. Her father lived a southwest course from Tope's Mills about 1½ miles. Mary Ann was with her and was badly stunned. Both horses were killed." This account is corroborated by others as correct; but the varying tales, although showing a fact, illustrate how witnesses do in court.

Line 11 from the bottom of page 22 should read, "He drove stage at New Rumley and the same at Cincinnati and Pittsburg, from Cincinnati to Pittsburg."

Line 15 from top of page 24 should read, "ll. Elizabeth was married to Enoch Hough and died at an early age, and was buried in Lease's grave-yard. See Chapter I."

Wm. H. Tope spoken of on page 32 is a druggist at Toronto, Ohio.

Mary Heaston mentioned on page 32 has three children: two oldest are girls, and a small boy.

Jacob Tope's widow, Mary Tope, mentioned on page 32, was married to Isaac Newton, a farmer; they live now about three miles south-east of New Philadelphia, and have two children, both grown; Mr. Newton is an uncle of Oliver Dunlap, of Bowerston.

Jacob Everhart, Jr., as per page 33, was captain of Company I, 157th O. V. I. of the Civil War at Ft. Delaware in 1864. (REVISOR'S NOTE: The "Sr." of the 4th paragraph, line 1, on page 31, must be in error for Jr.)

An announcement in the TUSCARAWAS CHRONICLE, of Uhrichsville, Ohio, since Chapter V was printed informs us that there was "Born--to Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Tope (mentioned on page 34) Sunday, July 26, 1896, a 10-lb. girl."

William J. Tope's children, referred to on page 37 are named: Elva, Allen, and Hardie Nelson.

Minor McQueen, as per page 40, married Mary Tripp.

Milton Barlean and James McQueen, mentioned on page 40, live at Carrollton, O. Also, Joseph McQueen, same page, lives on the home place with his father; they have one child. Likewise, David M. McQueen's, same page have four children; Ross, married to Mary Allmon and they have one child, William, John and Girtie;---Ross is at Canal Dover, O., the others are at home.

Reuben Dayhuff's address is Dell Roy, O., and Vianna and David McQueen, Palermo, O. (page 41).

Emma Fay Osborn (page 40) died Aug. 6, 1896, according to the Mineral POINTER, since Chapter VI was in type.

Jacob T. Hole (page 44) was of the graduating class of 1878, Mt. Union College, and married Miss Tope in 1880.

Rev. Homer W. Tope told us of an address he got from some one on a railway train,--Laura Tope, Galveston, Texas. We wrote, but our letter was returned. That was in April 1896.

George M. Gault, of Annapolis, O., wrote us some time ago to find out about a Wm. Tope married to Sarah Everhart; but we have not found any account of such a marriage. If any do, please report.

The leading characteristics of the Tope race may be mentioned in brief. In occupations the majority have been and are farmers and mechanics. Of the entire connection we know of five who are ministers: John Tope, page 31; 15th line up; Wm. H. Tope, page 29 and 3rd line; Homer W. Tope, page 24, S. T. Allen, page 35 and John P. Stephens, page 42;---but that ought to be enough to keep the others straight! There has not been a lawyer, except Mr. Hole, page 44. A number have taught school in their younger days, and seven that we know of are physicians: H. G. Tope, page 30; U. I. Tope, page 30; John W. Tope and Wm. A. Tope, page 36; Levi Allen, page 35; Jasper Tope, page 37, the 8th paragraph; and E. E. Tope, page 44. And there have been up to this writing, Aug. 11, 1896, seven generations of Topes, in this country. In religion the older generations were mostly Lutheran, the majority of the younger ones is divided between Methodists and Lutherans, with some Presbyterians, Baptists, &ct., of course. Eli Tope wrote that his "religion was always strictly Methodism and his politics always Democratic." About all the older ones were Democratic, and many of the younger ones are too, but a good many are

Republicans. All have been noted for hard work, and especially in "clearings," etc. The motive temperament predominates in the race, and their strong will-power and minds of their own and love of home have made them generally successful. They are remarkable for clean characters, as a race, and as the most of them, scientifically speaking, have long livers, their length of life show them to be long livers, of course, some of them had their superstitions, especially in the earlier days; but you know they "came by it honestly," when you reflect for a minute.

Such is the history of a race of people, to which I am proud to belong. A reunion is suggestible, but perhaps impracticable to all; yet it might be arranged for, locally, or in sections. At all events, I hope to meet all personally hereafter, if not here. And my task has now come to

THE END.

(Note: I have attempted to duplicate even the word division of M. Tope. He did have a unique style. Some two or three letter words have been inserted or deleted, in an effort to justify the margins.

I trust you will enjoy the search for your own line, as I have for ours. However, we still have no accurate information about our George W. Tope prior to his marriage in 1861. Can you help?

Also, I hope you understand the cost of this re-print and the additional pages will be more than the $1 price of 1896. How about $3.00 per copy? I also plan to re-print only 200 copies.)

A. D. Maddux
The Revisor

(1989 Note: In this second printing, additional charts have been added as well as more information on Frederick Tope and our George W. Tope. The index is also added. All charts have been brought up to date, if the information has come to me.

Inflation makes the cost $5.00 per copy, including the postage.

If you would like a copy of our Tope Family, George W. Tope's descendents, the price is $6.00 per book. It has 141 pages and more pictures. Price includes postage.)

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Another Tope Beginning's Story

Johnathan Tope was born in Hesse, Germany. He came to America with the British in the Revolutionary War. He deserted at the Battle of Long Island to join the U. S. and was given a land grant near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, after the war.

In 1812 he enlisted in the 9th U. S. Inf. and was killed in 1813 in the Battle of Lunda Lane. He and his wife had two children; Anna Marie, and Levie. His widow married John Farver.

Levie (my great-grandfather) settled in Holmes county, Ohio. His children were; William, Rebecca, John, Caroline, Sophia, Tilla, Amanda, and Blenda.

William Tope (my grandfather) had this family: Clarence, Cameron, Corevin (my father), Lucy, George, Joseph, Verg, Della, Effie, and Harvey.

Corevin family: John R. (me); one sister, Ocy; and one brother, Loyd W.

John R. Tope
Lakeville, Ohio

HUSBAND JACOB TOPE — **OCCUPATION** Farmer

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 1796	Russellville	Warren	Kentucky	J. Butterfield
MARRIED				
DIED			Illinois	J. Butterfield
BURIED				

FATHER Frederick Tope — MOTHER Elizabeth (?) — J. Butterfield

OTHER WIVES none

WIFE ELIZABETH FISHER — **OCCUPATION** Housewife

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 1801			Kentucky	J. Butterfield
DIED				
BURIED				

FATHER — MOTHER

OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M/F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Barbara	1819			Illinois
2 F	TOPE, Matilda	1822			Illinois
3 M	TOPE, George Washington	12 May 1824 12 Jan. 1895	Cobden St. Louis	Union St. Louis	Illinois Missouri
4 M	TOPE, Andrew	1826 21 Sept. 1847	 Tampico	Union Tampico	Illinois Mexico
5 F	TOPE, Nancy F.	1828			Illinois
6 M	TOPE, James F.	1829			Illinois
7 M	TOPE, Moses G.	1832			Illinois
8 F	TOPE, Rebecca	1835			Illinois
9 F	TOPE, Delilah	1836			Illinois
10 M	TOPE, William K.	1839			Illinois
11 F	TOPE, Elizabeth	1843			Illinois

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Reconstructed from U. S. Census Records and military records by John Butterfield, Taylorsville, Illinois. Paternal Great-Great Grandparents.

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HUSBAND GEORGE WASHINGTON TOPE			OCCUPATION Engineer Hotel Keeper	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 12 May 1824	Cobden	Union	Illinois	J. Butterfield
MARRIED 10 August 1847	Anna	Union	Illinois	MR B I, pg. 207
DIED 12 January 1895	St. Louis	St. Louis	Missouri	Hospital Record
BURIED Pottersfield Cem.	St. Louis	St. Louis	Missouri	DR # 5549
FATHER Jacob Tope		MOTHER Elizabeth		J. Butterfield
OTHER WIVES Catherine Spears				Family Records

WIFE BARBARA T. HODGES (Badera/Badeura)			OCCUPATION Housewife	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 1827			Alabama	1860 U. S. Census
DIED 1860	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	J. Butterfield
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1		1855		Jackson	Illinois
M	TOPE, William D.				
2		1859	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois

SECOND MARRIAGE

WIFE CATHERINE SPEARS (Spierse)			OCCUPATION Housewife	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 22 September 1835	Golddust	Lauderdale	Tennessee	Family Records
MARRIED 21 March 1861	Chester	Randolph	Illinois	MR Bk A, pg. 469
DIED 1 July 1898	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Pensioner Record
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1		9 June 1863	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois
F	TOPE, Chloe Elizabeth	10 Mar. 1932	Lincoln	Logan	Illinois
2		8 June 1865	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois
M	TOPE, James Harvey	26 Aug. 1922	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
3		2 April 1869	DuQuoin	Perry	Illinois
M	TOPE, William Hezekiah	20 Feb. 1953	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	COMPILED BY
George and Catherine are Paternal Great Grandparents. From pages 25-30, and the death record, it seems that George was a drifter after 1870.	A. D. Maddux 27 December 1983 DATE

HUSBAND DEWITT CLINTON TOPE — **OCCUPATION** Barber

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION				
BORN	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED				
DIED				
BURIED				
FATHER George W. Tope		MOTHER Catherine Spherse		Family records
OTHER WIVES				

WIFE IOWA ? — **OCCUPATION**

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION				
BORN				
DIED				
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1					
2					

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No other information known.

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HUSBAND JACOB M. TINDALL — **OCCUPATION** County Clerk Farmer, Teacher

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION				
BORN 19 July 1859	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Biog. Rec. 1894
MARRIED 3 May 1888	Chester	Randolph	Illinois	MR Bk. D, pg. 188
DIED				
BURIED				
FATHER John D. Tindall		MOTHER Amanda Barnes		Biog. Rec. 1894
OTHER WIVES none				Family Records

WIFE CHLOE ELIZABETH TOPE — **OCCUPATION** Housewife

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION				
BORN 9 June 1893	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family Records
DIED 10 March 1932	Lincoln	Logan	Illinois	DR # 10318
BURIED Evergreen Cemet.	Chester	Randolph	Illinois	DR # 10318
FATHER George W. Tope		MOTHER Catherine Spears		Family Records
OTHER HUSBANDS none				Family Records

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TINDALL, Eva				
2 M	TINDALL, Harry D.				
	TWINS				
3 F	TINDALL, Carrie				
4	TINDALL,	Infancy			

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Paternal Grand Aunt.

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HUSBAND JAMES HARVEY TOPE — **OCCUPATION** Saw Mill & Farmer

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION Baptist				
BORN 8 June 1865	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED 11 September 1889	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	MR Book D, p. 205
DIED 26 August 1922	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	LILBOURN BANNER
BURIED New Hope Cemetery	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER George W. Tope		MOTHER Catherine Spherse		Family records
OTHER WIVES none				

WIFE LAVICA MOORE — **OCCUPATION** Housewife

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION Baptist				
BORN 8 August 1867	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
DIED February 1946	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
BURIED New Hope Cemetery	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER Isaac V. Moore		MOTHER Rebecca J. Holiday		Family records
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME (last) in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 M	TOPE, Isaac Vincent	3 Nov. 1890 19 Oct. 1960	Rockwood Prescott	Randolph Yavapai	Illinois Arizonia
2 M	TOPE, Ralph	16 Dec. 1891 7 Jan. 1961	Rockwood Lilbourn	Randolph New Madrid	Illinois Missouri
3 M	TOPE, Fred	16 Feb. 1894 25 April 1972	Rockwood Sikeston	Randolph Scott	Illinois Missouri
4 F	TOPE, Catherine	22 Sep. 1895 16 Aug. 1980	Rockwood Lilbourn	Randolph New Madrid	Illinois Missouri
5 M	TOPE, HARRY	24 July 1899 20 July 1984	Rockwood Louisville	Randolph Jefferson	Illinois Kentucky
	TWINS				
6 M	TOPE, Harold	24 July 1899 10 Dec. 1974	Rockwood Prescott	Randolph Yavapai	Illinois Arizonia
7 M	TOPE, James Harvey, Jr.	14 Feb. 1901 16 July 1921	Rockwood Lilbourn	Randolph New Madrid	Illinois Missouri
8 M	TOPE, Leslie Allan	4 June 1906 18 Sep. 1981	Rockwood Arkadelphia	Randolph Clark	Illinois Arkansas
9 M	TOPE, William Charles	28 Feb. 1910	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Newer dates are added as received. The graves of James Harvey, Sr., Lavica, and James Harvey, Jr., are un-marked. They are west of Richey's markers, across the lane.

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HISTORY OF THE TOPE FAMILY

(From the **Lilborn Herald**, Vol. 9, No. 40, New Madrid County, Missouri, Friday, September 1, 1922)

Lilbourn honored the memory of J. H. Tope Monday afternoon by turning out in large numbers at his funeral held in the First Baptist Church of this city, which was crowded to its capacity and many were unable to gain admittance. Between three and four o'clock of that day all of the stores were closed out of respect.

On Sunday afternoon preceeding the remains were taken from the train in which they were conveyed from St. Louis, where Mr. Tope had died in the Baptist Hospital at 7:30 Saturday night. A procession started from the depot headed by a chorus of girls clad in white, then Pastor Wigger, the casket borne by twelve men followed by Harry and Harold Tope who were in St. Louis with their father, and a crowd of sympathizing friends. The remains were in the Tope home over Sunday night and until taken to the church.

The floral decorations at the church were very beautiful and wreaths and sprays were brought in by four little girls in white dresses and laid upon the casket, borne by fellow church members and friends of the deceased and followed by members of the family.

The services were simple and comforting to the bereaved, the sermon being preached by Brother Tope's Pastor, Rev. W. M. Wigger, who feelingly referred to the Christian life of the deceased, his conversion about a year ago and elevation to office of deacon and his growth in good works in that particularly his last few months of life on this earth were consecrated to the work of the Master. Dr. D. K. Foster, came up from Caruthersville to attend the funeral and delivered a sermon prayer that will be long remembered by its hearers.

"Asleep In Jesus" was sung by a quartette, composed of Mesdames Mollie Castleberry and Helen Jones, Prof. I. M. Rubottom and O. E. Heath. "Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere" was sung by Mrs. Helen Jones and Miss Dollie Craig. The choir sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus;" Mrs. G. N. Wilson played the organ.

T. C. Knight & Son of Parma, funeral directors, rendered a most efficient service, freely commended by all and scores of others performed little acts of consideration by watching, digging the grave and in many ways evidenced their kindly affection for deceased and his bereaved and respected family.

Twenty three autos followed the hearse to New Hope Cemetery where, with prayer and song his mortal remains were laid along side those of his dearly beloved son, James Jr.

James H. Tope was born June 25, 1865, at Rockwood, Illinois, to George Washington Tope, an engineer at that city. He remained in that city working out of it as a locomotive fireman, until 1912 when he moved with his family to Mississippi county, Missouri, where he was engaged in farming. On September 11th, 1889, he was married to Miss Lavica Moore who survives him and to which union were born: Ike, Ralph, Fred, Katie, (Mrs. Crosno), Harry and Harold (Twins), James, Jr., Leslie and William, all of whom are living except James, who passed away July 16, 1921. Besides these deceased is survived by 11 grandchildren, 8 boys and 3 girls, a brother W. H. Tope of Rockford, Illinois; and a sister, Mrs. Chloe Tindall of Chester, Illinois.

During the high water of 1912 the Tope family moved from Mississippi Couty to Lilbourn where they have resided ever since.

Brother Tope has gone to his reward. Peace to his ashes.

HUSBAND	WILLIAM HEZEKIAH TOPE			OCCUPATION	Carpenter
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES	
BORN 2 April 1869	DuQuoin	Perry	Illinois	Family records	
MARRIED 26 June 1889	Chester	Randolph	Illinois	MR Book D, p. 202	
DIED 20 February 1953	Chester	Randolph	Illinois	Death Record 9273	
BURIED Evergreen Cemetery	Chester	Randolph	Illinois	Death Record 9273	
FATHER George W. Tope		MOTHER Catherine Spherse		Family records	
OTHER WIVES none					

WIFE	MARGARET ANN ROUSE			OCCUPATION	Housewife
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES	
BORN 1870?	Cora City	Jackson	Illinois	Family records	
DIED	Herrin	Williamson	Illinois	Family records	
BURIED					
FATHER		MOTHER			
OTHER HUSBANDS none					

SEX M F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Effie	9 Dec. 1892	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois
2 F	TOPE, Eula	31 Dec. 1895 29 July 1955	Rockwood Herrin	Randolph Williamson	Illinois Illinois
3 M	TOPE, Jesse Allen	6 April 1899 3 Jan. 1952	Rockwood Quincy	Randolph Adams	Illinois Illinois
4 M	TOPE, Charles Arthur	13 Feb. 1902 9 Sep. 1948	Rockwood Murphysboro	Randolph Jackson	Illinois Illinois
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HUSBAND	ISAAC VINCENT TOPE			OCCUPATION	Post Master Farmer/Barber
RELIGION		TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN	3 November 1890	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family Records
MARRIED	27 May 1912	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri	MP Bk. 12, p. 30
DIED	19 October 1960	Prescott	Yavapai	Arizonia	Family Records
BURIED	Mt. View Cem.	Prescott	Yavapai	Arizonia	Family Records
FATHER	James Harvey Tope		MOTHER Lavica Moore		Family Records
OTHER WIVES	None				Family Records

WIFE	JULIA L. AHLFIELD			OCCUPATION	Housewife
RELIGION	Methodist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN	15 March 1894	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri	Family Records
DIED	11 October 1981	Mesa	Maricopa	Arizonia	Family Records
BURIED	Mt. View Cem.	Prescott	Yavapai	Arizonia	Family Records
FATHER	Charles William Ahlfield		MOTHER Elizabeth Barnhill		Family Records
OTHER HUSBANDS	None				Family Records

SEX	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead	BIRTH and DEATH	PLACES		
M/F	SURNAME (last in CAPITALS)	DAY-MONTH-YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1		6 July 1914	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
	TOPE, Not named - Twins	6 July 1914	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
2		31 Aug. 1915	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
M	TOPE, Charles Harvey	1957	Shrevesport	Bossier	Louisanna
3		10 Apr. 1917	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
F	TOPE, Hazel Elizabeth	July 1922	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
4		23 Aug. 1919	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
M	TOPE, Howard Otis				
5		3 Jan. 1921	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
M	TOPE, Finis Alfred				
6		28 Jan. 1923	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
F	TOPE, Julia Daftna	6 Feb. 1923	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
7		13 Dec. 1925	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
F	TOPE, Vivian Ruth				
8		30 Aug. 1926	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
F	TOPE, Betty Jean				
9		7 Feb. 1928	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
M	TOPE, George Whitaker				
10		27 Oct. 1930	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
M	TOPE, William Donald				
11		22 Apr. 1932	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri
F	TOPE, Frankie Jo				
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Paternal Uncle and Aunt.

COMPILED BY: Betty Tope Arnold
30 May 1982

HUSBAND RALPH TOPE			OCCUPATION Drayman & Star Route	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 16 December 1891	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED 3 January 1918	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
DIED 7 January 1961	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
BURIED Mounds Park Cemet.	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER James Harvey Tope		MOTHER Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER WIVES none				

WIFE ETHEL RIGGS			OCCUPATION Housewife	
RELIGION	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 3 November 1895	Camden	Benton	Tennessee	Family records
DIED 3 March 1963	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
BURIED Mounds Park Cemet.	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER P. L. Riggs		MOTHER Rosalia		Family records
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY - MONTH - YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Ruby Rosalia	9 May 1919	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
2 F	TOPE, Hazel Lavica	26 Aug. 1921	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
3 F	TOPE, Chloe Virginia	10 July 1924 1 Aug. 1979	Lilbourn Lilbourn	New Madrid New Madrid	Missouri Missouri
4 M	TOPE, Ralph, Jr.	11 March 1927	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
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HUSBAND FRED TOPE			OCCUPATION Grocery & Bar	
RELIGION Methodist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 16 February 1894	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED 26 June 1916	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Personal visit
DIED 25 April 1972	Sikeston	Scott	Missouri	Family records
BURIED Memorial Park Cem.	Sikeston	Scott	Missouri	Family records
FATHER James Harvey Tope		MOTHER Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER WIVES none				

WIFE LAURA HEPSY TOWERY			OCCUPATION Housewife	
RELIGION Methodist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 4 October 1895	Princeton	Caldwell	Kentucky	Personal visit
DIED 21 May 1971	Sikeston	Scott	Missouri	Family records
BURIED Memorial Park Cem.	Sikeston	Scott	Missouri	Family records
FATHER Jim Towery		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY - MONTH - YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 M	TOPE, Fred, Jr.	24 March 1917	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
2 M	TOPE, George Edward		Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
3 M	TOPE, Harry Eugene	8 May 1920 7 Oct. 1976	Risco Sikeston	New Madrid Scott	Missouri Missouri
4 F	TOPE, Anne Jane	18 Sept. 1922 1 August 1923	Lilbourn Lilbourn	New Madrid New Madrid	Missouri Missouri
5 M	TOPE, Margie	28 Dec. 1923	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
6 M	TOPE, Douglas	20 March 1925	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
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HUSBAND	FRED CROSNO			OCCUPATION	
RELIGION	Baptist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN	3 October 1891	Charleston	Mississippi	Missouri	Personal visit
MARRIED	21 September 1915	New Madrid	New Madrid	Missouri	Personal visit
DIED	24 April 1950	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
BURIED	Mounds Cemetery	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER		MOTHER			
OTHER WIVES	none				

WIFE	CATHERINE TOPE			OCCUPATION	Housewife
RELIGION	Baptist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN	22 September 1895	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
DIED	16 August 1980	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
BURIED	Mounds Cemetery	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER	James Harvey Tope	MOTHER	Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER HUSBANDS	none				

SEX M/F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1		3 Oct. 1916	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
F	CROSNO, Dolly	23 Jan. 1988	Monise	Spalding	Georgia
2		9 Feb. 1919	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
M	CROSNO, James				
3		13 Jan. 1922	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
F	CROSNO, Jenny Lee				
4		11 May 1923	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
M	CROSNO, Charles	31 July 1987	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
5		10 July 1925	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
M	CROSNO, Winford				
6		22 Feb. 1932	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
F	CROSNO, Patsy Ann				
7		14 July 1934	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
F	CROSNO, Ruth Margaret				
8		4 Aug. 1940	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
F	CROSNO, Iva Marguerite				
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HUSBAND HAROLD TOPE			OCCUPATION Postal Clerk	
RELIGION Church of Christ	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 24 July 1899	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED 10 November 1921	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
DIED 10 December 1974	Prescott	Yavapai	Arizonia	Family records
BURIED				
FATHER James Harvey Tope		MOTHER Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER WIVES none				

WIFE SOPHIA GREMORE			OCCUPATION Housewife	
RELIGION Church of Christ	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN 25 March 1903	Parma	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
DIED				
BURIED				
FATHER		MOTHER		
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead. SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Shirley Lee	3 Sept. 1922 3 July 1923	Lilbourn Lilbourn	New Madrid New Madrid	Missouri Missouri
2 M	TOPE, James Calvin	13 Dec. 1923 22 March 1957	Catron Prescott	New Madrid Yavapai	Missouri Arizonia
3 M	TOPE, Everett Allan	20 Nov. 1925	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
4 M	TOPE, Clarence LeRoy	11 Nov. 1927	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
5 M	TOPE, Harold Eugene	10 May 1930	Flint	Genesee	Michigan
6 M	TOPE, Joe Edward	17 Aug. 1936	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
7 M	TOPE, Robert Louis	27 March 1943	Prescott	Yavapai	Arizonia
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HUSBAND	HARRY TOPE			OCCUPATION	Butcher & Preacher
RELIGION	Baptist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN	24 July 1899	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED	12 October 1922	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
DIED	20 July 1984	Louisville	Jefferson	Kentucky	Family records
BURIED	Mounds Cemetery	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER	James Harvey Tope	MOTHER	Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER WIVES	none				

WIFE	MABEL CARRIE COATS MILLER			OCCUPATION	Switchboard & Grocery Clerk
RELIGION	Baptist	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
BORN	4 February 1894	Hartsville	Pope	Illinois	Family records
DIED	3 December 1978	Flora	Carroll	Indiana	Family records
BURIED	Mounds Park Cemet.	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER	Payton Lafayette Coats	MOTHER	Minerva Hart		Family records
OTHER HUSBANDS	Corlis Miller				Family records

SEX M F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Mary Lee	1 Nov. 1923	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri
2 M	TOPE, Charles Alvin	30 Aug. 1926	Catron	New Madrid	Missouri
3 F	TOPE, Nellie Delores	6 Jan. 1929	Earle	Crittenden	Arkansas
4 F	TOPE, Harriet Ann	5 July 1935	Parkin	Cross	Arkansas
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Rev. & Mrs. Harry Tope are my parents-in-law. And I rejoice!

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HUSBAND LESLIE ALLEN TOPE — **OCCUPATION** College Professor

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION Baptist				
BORN 4 June 1904	Rockwood	Randolph	Illinois	Family records
MARRIED 26 May 1931	Marble Hill	Bollinger	Missouri	Family records
DIED 18 September 1981	Arkadelphia	Clark	Arkansas	Family records
BURIED Rest Haven Cen.	Arkadelphia	Clark	Arkansas	Family records
FATHER James Harvey Tope		MOTHER Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER WIVES none				

WIFE INA HOLSCLAW — **OCCUPATION** Teacher

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION Baptist				
BORN 24 June 1906	Shepherdsv.	Bullitt	Kentucky	DR #018204
DIED 9 November 1982	Arkadelphia	Clark	Arkansas	Family records
BURIED Rest Haven Cem.	Arkadelphia	Clark	Arkansas	Family records
FATHER Larkin Hardin Holsclaw		MOTHER Mary Lillian Weller		DR # 018204
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 F	TOPE, Sarah Ann	March 1945			

HUSBAND WILLIAM CHARLES TOPE — **OCCUPATION** Printer

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION Methodist				
BORN 28 February 1910	Anniston	Mississippi	Missouri	Personal visit
MARRIED 12 October 1940	Cairo	Alexander	Illinois	Personal visit
DIED				
BURIED				
FATHER James Harvey Tope		MOTHER Lavica Moore		Family records
OTHER WIVES none				

WIFE CHARLOTTA MARGUERITE MILLER — **OCCUPATION** Music Teacher

	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY	SOURCES
RELIGION Methodist				
BORN 9 March 1913	Mound City	Pulaski	Illinois	Family records
DIED 9 October 1982	Sikeston	Scott	Missouri	Family records
BURIED Mounds Cemetery	Lilbourn	New Madrid	Missouri	Family records
FATHER Charles Sumner Miller		MOTHER Lottie Austin		Family records
OTHER HUSBANDS none				

SEX M-F	CHILDREN: In order of birth, living or dead — SURNAME first in CAPITALS	BIRTH and DEATH DAY-MONTH-YEAR	PLACES TOWN	COUNTY	STATE or COUNTRY
1 M	TOPE, James Carl	3 Jan. 1942 – 31 May 1961	Cairo – Lilbourn	Alexander – New Madrid	Illinois – Missouri
2 M	TOPE, Michael Keith	14 Aug. 1945	Cairo	Alexander	Illinois
3 F	TOPE, Rebecca Sue	20 March 1954	Sikeston	Scott	Missouri

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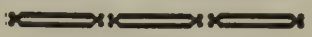

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